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All in a day's work
A honeybee gets to work on some lilacs in full bloom.
- Stephen Dafoe Photo

Morinville Councillors reflect on their ups and downs over past four years

by Jennifer Lavallee
Morinville News Correspondent

For nearly four years, Lisa Holmes, Barry Turner, Nicole Boutestein, Brennan FitzGerald, Rob Ladouceur, Gord Putnam, and Stephen Dafoe have led Morinville's local government. These seven residents have been tasked with leading the governance of our Town; it's been a job ripe with both its rewards and its challenges.

When it's all said and done, Council members will have served about 1,500 days in office during the term. The Morinville News spoke with Town Council and asked each of them to reflect on what they are proud of accomplishing over the last four years, and what is still left to do.

Lisa Holmes. "I'm proud of the open and transparent culture we've developed on council; I think we've redefined the role of municipal councillor in Morinville," stated Mayor Holmes, who said there have been many successes over the last four years. Implementing programs such as Incredible Edibles and the Junior Mayors have been personally rewarding, she said. Council has also worked hard to rebuild relationships with its neighbours, which is the key to the future in regional government, said the Mayor. "Investing in regional economic development...opens up so many options for the Town, including the new rec centre," she stressed.

The Regional Recreation Centre has also been one of the challenges faced by Council, according to Holmes;

"I wish the rec centre project was completed faster." Other things that Holmes wishes had been tackled this term include more work on internal policies to ensure they all reflect modern provisions.

All-in-all, Holmes believes the touchstone of this council was their availability to the public and their open communication style. "I think we are a Council of the people, and we're very representative."

Barry Turner. Coun. Turner said one of the things he is most proud of addressing this term are concerns around the Morinville Community Culture Centre's 'Concert Series' program. "During the last election there were many serious questions about the program and how much it actually cost taxpayers to support," he explained. Bringing a sense of transparency to that issue was important to the councillor, who said by working with the Administration, Council was able to change the way things are done. The expectation now is 100 percent cost recovery (and 70-80% on children and family shows), he said. Another success, in Turner's books, is how this Council has interacted with the community, in comparison to past councils. "Without the voices of residents and local businesses regularly advising Council, I felt an ever-growing divide between Council and the residents that we represent," he said, "...[with stronger Council presence on local boards and committees], Council can now lead rather than react."

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Former Morinville residents rescuing dogs in St. Lucia

by Stephen Dafoe
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After living in the community for 20 years, Morinville residents and local realtors Don Summers and Doris Jolicoeur left town two years ago for the warmth of St. Lucia and their new property Tapion House. But it is the warmth generated by caring for stray dogs and finding them new homes in Canada that is keeping the couple busy since moving.

The Bruno Project, started by Doris Jolicoeur and Canadian friend Vanessa Deline, saved 63 dogs in its first 11 months. A year and a bit into the initiative and the project has helped 78 dogs. Of that number, one went to the US, one to the UK and 76 to Canada. One of the Canadian dogs was trained as a service dog for a Canadian veteran with PTSD, and another is undergoing training for a civilian affected by PTSD.

St. Lucia, a Caribbean island, is only 617 square kilometres but has a significant stray dog problem.

Don Summers said pet ownership is not viewed on St. Lucia as it is in Canada. The majority of dog owners do not spay or neuter their pets for several reasons, including costs. As many people use dogs as guard dogs, the prevailing view is that the dogs are more aggressive if not neutered. Summers said some Lucians also breed pups and sell them as a way of supplementing their income.

"Spaying and neutering of animals is a real challenge, and many Lucians live a hand-to-mouth existence," Summers explained. "They work very hard, but wages are typically quite low, so their priority is on feeding their families, not stray dogs."

As a result, dogs scavenge and over generations have adapted the ability to eat things that would be dangerous to dogs in Canada, chicken bones being one example.

Summers said both stray cats and dogs are on the island, but cats are generally accepted by resorts and able to forage and hunt for themselves. The dogs, however, are driven away from resorts, restaurants, and other tourist spots.

Being dog lovers, the plight of St. Lucia's stray dogs was something that left the couple with a need to take action.

"Both Doris and I were professional soldiers and can be ruthless when necessary. But, we were always trained to despise cruelty and to protect those in need of aid."

For Summers and Jolicoeur, the need is real because the dogs are without hope except for that that provided by the St. Lucia Animal Protection Society (SLAPS).

"Life at a clinic is merely subsistence," Summers said. "Only a rare few get adopted by families here on the island; the remainder wait at the clinic to see if anyone will ever love them and give them a home."

The Bruno Project

A visit by Summers sister Linda and several of her friends to the island in early 2016 would prove to be the catalyst for the Bruno Project, named after one of the rescued dogs.

"One of these friends was Vanessa Deline. They were having lunch at a nearby restaurant, The Hardest Hard, and Vanessa spotted Bruno," Summers said. "I am told she burst into tears at the sight of him; he wasn't much more than skin, bones, fleas, ticks and mange. She bought a meal just for him, and after overcoming his fear of being near a person, he wolfed it down. So, she bought him another, and it met the same fate."

Deline, knowing Summers and Jolicoeur volunteered with SLAPS,



Features and her brother Pancake were driven off by their mother so she could save her other pups. Both are doing well.

implored the couple to take Bruno to the clinic. Although the clinic was over capacity, Deline funded feeding Bruno every day.

"For several weeks, Doris fed him every day at 2 p.m. and he slowly came out of his shell," Summers explained, adding Bruno was surviving, but not thriving.

When Jolicoeur left for Canada that May, Summers took over feeding the dog, and got him to the vet who discovered he had tick fever but was free of heartworm.

"He had ticks, fleas, worms, sarcoptic mange, was severely malnourished and fairly dehydrated," Summers recalled. "He needed a variety of treatments, but some had contra-indicators and couldn't be given together or within a few days of each other. The treatment for the mange needed him to have a pill twice daily, something that couldn't be achieved with him running stray, so I brought him to Tapion House. Over the next couple of weeks, the mange cleared, the worms were cleaned out, the ticks and fleas banished, and he started to put on some weight."

The couple's original plan was to send the dog to Ontario to live with Deline; however, Bruno had pit bull DNA, and Ontario has a ban on pit bulls.

Many dogs find new homes

Jolicoeur and Deline coordinated a system whereby Doris would send dogs with travellers via WestJet and Deline would receive them in Toronto.

"Forever homes were arranged by Doris before the dogs left the island and we have a relationship with several foster families, the Lincoln County Humane Society, and others to ensure any dogs that are returned by their new families are re-homed and are never without care, food and love," Summers said.

There have been many success stories.

Foxy spend four months at Tapion House with SLAPS funding all of her care. The dog who was skin and bone on her arrival now lives with a loving family in Hamilton, Ontario.

"We cried when she left, but sometimes loving a dog means letting them go to a better home and family," Summers said.

Pudding was discovered at two days old next to the corpses of his mother and three siblings. Summers suspects the dogs were poisoned.

Today the dog is well, and the couple is planning to send Pudding to Canada with Features and Pancake, two dogs drove off by their mother so she could save her other pups.

"Features had six seizures in the first hour after we found her, due to dehydration," Summers said. "She had only hours to live. Both she and Pancake are doing well, but if not for SLAPS, they would have died."

Canadian connection

The project is not without effort for Deline who lives in St. Catherines, 90 minutes from Pearson International Airport, as the Westjet flight lands at 9:30 p.m. and travellers are often not through customs until 11 p.m.,

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Doris Jolicoeur and Lucia, the first dog sent to Canada through the Bruno Project in May of 2016. To date, 78 dogs have been rescued and sent to new homes.

Deline is often not back home until 3 a.m.

"[She is] truly a remarkable and compassionate woman and an inspiring professional," Summers says of the Canadian half of the project. "For Doris, she has truly found her passion, something many folks never really find or have the opportunity to undertake."

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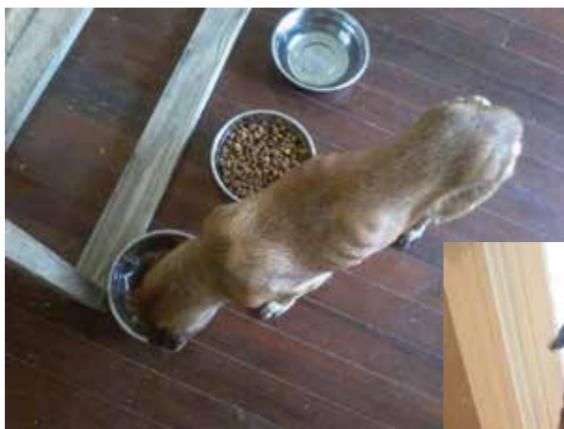
Summers and Jolicoeur are hoping the people they know back home that are pet owners will take an extra two minutes every day to spend just hugging their pets, patting them, and letting them know they are loved.

"Many times whilst feeding dogs at the clinic, a number of them would be more interested in attention than food and food was always a major priority," Summers said.

The couple is also hoping those who support Canadian animal protection organizations will also consider visiting the SLAPS website at www.stluciaanimals.org and consider making a donation.

Summers said a \$5 US feeds an adult dog for a month.

"Any amount is very much appreciated, and we certainly stretch every dollar," Summers said of the organization he and Jolicoeur volunteer with.



Above: Foxy on the day she came to Tapion House.

Right: Foxy today in her new home with her new best friend in Hamilton, Ontario.



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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Bon Accord Community Wide Garage Sale

June 10th from 9-3pm.

Our out of town guests will be located at the parking lot surrounding the arena. There will be vendors set up inside the arena where there will also be public bathrooms available. The Bon Accord Public Library (located in the Town Hall) bathrooms will also be open to the public and cold bottled water and hot dogs will be available for purchase. Garage Sale maps will be available for pick up at the Library.

Morinville Public School Play The Internet is Distract- OH LOOK A KITTEN!

by Ian McWeth

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Summer Reading Program

Journey To The Magic Kingdom

Registration opens Thursday, June 1st.
Space is limited.

Register at the library front desk.

Mystery Book Party

Ghostal Living

Thursday, June 15th 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Kidz Flicks Movie!

Beauty & The Beast!

Friday, June 9th 1:00 pm

Cozy Corner Story Time

Thursday, June 8th & 15th 10:30 am

Mom & Me Craft

Thursday, June 8th & 15th 11:00 am

Minecraft

Monday, June 12th 5:30 pm

Artastic for Kids

Tuesday, June 13th 6:30 pm

Scrap That Page

Wednesday, June 21st 6:30 pm



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Editorial: Seven years of community news

This Sunday marks the end of our seventh year of providing community news. I started The Morinville News on June 11, 2010, when a local newspaper I was then freelancing for decided to suspend publication. Faced with the prospect of living in a community with only one regional news source and no paper with a true Morinville focus, I decided to offer one. Starting with the slogan "Get the news while it's still news," MorinvilleNews.com launched as a digital daily with a commitment to living up to the slogan I had chosen.

Over the past seven years, the news business has continued to decline as publishers wring their hands about declining ad sales for print media. Few have stopped wringing their hands long enough to scratch their head in wondering how to evolve.

We were not one of them.

When we launched our website, Facebook was celebrating its sixth anniversary of operation. Seven year's later, Facebook is not only the dominant player in the social media game; but they are also rapidly becoming the dominant player in the news media game.

Many people - and Morinvillians are no exception - get all of their news from Facebook.

As we enter our eighth year of providing community news, we will continue to use a variety of channels, including our popular Facebook page, to provide you with a snapshot and greater detail on what is happening in Morinville and area.

Our eighth year will have an increased focus on providing community news and information in a watchable format with Morinville News Videos.

Though we've experienced some technological changes over the past seven years, one thing has not changed - our commitment to the community.

We still enjoy being involved in this growing community of ours and are thankful for the advertiser and reader support that keeps us keeping you informed.

-SD

Column: Joe Morinville

With the owner of this rag off galavanting in Ontario for a week, he practically begged me to turn in a column of my wisdom and assorted other thoughts to fill some space. So here's what I've been pondering these days that I figure youse should know about.



Something to bounce about

I seen on the Morinville News' events page that the Festival Society has a new name for the festival this year on account of it not happening near St. Jean Baptiste Day like it used to.

I know some people is upset about it, but Father Primeau and all them volunteers what worked so hard on Frontier Daze would probably be OK with it.

What's most important to me is they got rid of them bouncy castle things that my grandkids wasn't too thrilled about and brought back the midway. The idea of me eating them mini donuts while the grandkids go on the rides is really something to bounce about.

No fireworks again this year

I hate to be a complainer when I'm so happy about carnival rides and greasy little donuts that taste too good, but I'm wishing the Festival Days had fireworks, which they haven't for a couple of years.

People say there's no fireworks because there's no money to pay for them and everything else too because festivals is expensive to put on.

But one of the things this town does pretty good is shoot off fireworks.

The Christmas show is always a big deal even though most years it's freezing cold when you watch them. But we used to have a great big display during the St. Jean Baptiste Festival and none on Canada Day and

OBITUARY NOTICE

CHARBONNEAU, Maurice Marcel

On May 28, 2017, Maurice Marcel Charbonneau of Morinville, AB passed away at the age of 56 years.

Maurice is survived by his loving wife, Sheila; three sons, Ryan, Micheal and Kirk; one sister, Yvette Renault; one brother, Roger (Pat) Charbonneau; sister-in-law, Evelyn Charbonneau; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Predeceased by parents, Phillippe and Germaine; and brother, Marcel.

Thank you for all of the care, love and support that our dad and family received from the staff, doctors, friends and family during his final months. Memorial Mass Friday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, St. Lina, AB with Reverend Father Aureus Manjares officiating with inurnment in the Church Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of other tributes, donations may be made to Santa's Anonymous c/o 630 CHED Santas Anonymous and Edmonton Motorcycle Toy Run, 5204 - 84 Street, Edmonton, AB T6E 5N8.

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Mineault, Noel Leslie Dec. 25, 1948 - May 28, 2017

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Noel Leslie Mineault on Sunday, May 28th, 2017 in Prince George, B.C. Noel worked in Dawson Creek for a security company and was away for many weeks at a time. He went very suddenly after having pneumonia.

Noel was born Dec. 25, 1948 to Hillarie and Marie Mineault in Keg River, AB.

He leaves behind his wife Diane Mineault (Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce Manager), four children, Gilbert Davis, Greg, Trina and Raven Mineault; two brothers Herb (Maisie) and Clarence (Kathy) Mineault of Dawson Creek, and many grandchildren and stepchildren. Diane's four children and 9 grandchildren will miss his sense of humour and generosity.

Noel was predeceased by his parents, ten brothers and one sister.

Noel was a wonderful father, step-father and uncle to his children, nephews and nieces. He was a caring husband, father, uncle and will be sadly missed.

Diane and Noel made many friends while they were publishing their Aboriginal magazine "Whispering Winds" for over 12 years. They travelled extensively attending many Metis and First Nation functions throughout BC, AB and SK. Many people are mourning his death as he touched so many hearts throughout his life.

A funeral service will take place in Dawson Creek June 3 at the Notre Dame Catholic Church at 11 am. Interment to follow at Brookside.

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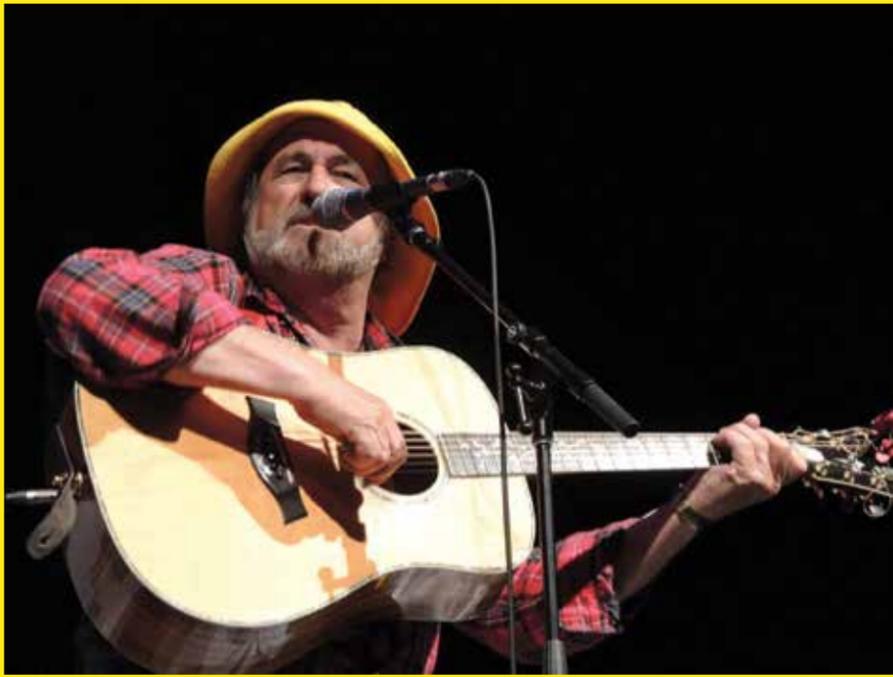
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East Coast Evening

The East Coast Party with comedian Jimmy Flynn was a sold out event on Saturday night at the MCCC with over 300 in attendance.

Kim Troock of the Edmonton Transit Pipes and Drums played a medley of numbers prior to the entertainer going on stage.

Sylvain Roy (right) was brought on stage by Jimmy Flynn to thank him for his work and having Jimmy Flynn be the opening act for the MCCC years ago.



- Lucie Roy Photos



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now we got none on Festival Days but a good show on Canada Day.

I guess if I had to pick, I'd pick being a proud Canadian like Murray Knight.

Still, I wish fireworks would come back for the festival so we could be a small town with the fireworks three times a year.

Too many crappy movies

Seems to me they run out of good ideas for movies at the theatres these days.

Every time you turn around there's another movie from the funny books. No one makes a good western or a war movie anymore. Was all excited for a WWI movie that come out on the weekend and then seen it was one of them super people movies with the Wonder Woman in it.

And if they ain't making movies with flying men and women or space men and women, they are remaking old movies like Baywatch and the CHIPS. That last one used to be a good TV show.

I did see one listed on the Google called The Boss Baby. I was sure it was a cartoon about Donald Trump.

Too many crappy politicians

It's old news now. It wasn't old news when I started writing this piece of intelligence.

Lot of the guys at Timmies was surprised that this young fellow from Saskatchewan won to replace Mr. Harper.

When I had coffee on the Monday, everyone was saying, "Who the hell is Andrew Scheer?" Half of them couldn't even pronounce the guy's name.

A lot of them were hoping the Conservatives would've changed the rules so Rona could have stayed on to do the job. And if she couldn't have done the job, half of them liked O'Leary.

Anyway, we got what we got and I guess we have to give him a chance to shake up Mr. Trudeau.

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Council Reflects

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Regarding what's left, Turner wishes they could have developed a more meaningful strategic plan. This document is how local government communicates its vision and goals to residents, and provides governance direction to its Administration. "The next Council has the tools it needs to be much more successful in this area," said Turner.

At the end of the day, Turner believes people will remember this group as one that got some contentious issues under control — such as the MCCC's concert series, the Automated Traffic Enforcement Program, as well as construction of the new arena.

Nicole Boutestein. Highlights, according to Coun. Boutestein, have included the opportunity to contribute to a wide range of issues such as: the (forthcoming) pedestrian crossing lights on 100 Avenue and 107 Street, odour mitigation in Town, supporting the upcoming Midstream Support Society building, advocating to budget for an Organizational Effectiveness and Efficiency Review, and the implementation of marked pedestrian/bike paths on the industrial service road.

"Hopefully residents will see that we worked hard and that collectively we have accomplished a lot in four years," remarked Boutestein, who also said, this Council can be proud of their work on policies such as that for photo enforcement, pet ownership, and other community safety initiatives. A better working relationship with the Town's CAO and Administration is another thing Council should be proud of, she said.

In terms of what's left, Boutestein would have liked to have seen more advocacy work done for the Highway 2 and Cardiff Road intersection. Timing on the new regional recreation centre was another item the Councillor wishes had turned out differently; "I think we could have announced that all the Town could afford was an arena and that the remainder would be done in phases due to our borrowing capacity."

Brennan FitzGerald. "I'm proud of our group," said Coun. FitzGerald, who describes his six fellow councillors as people he greatly respects. "Having a solid group like this is the most important thing," he explained, "because nothing can get down if there's in-fighting. It's so important to maintain a strong relationship."

FitzGerald said Council has found many successes, which includes internal policy changes of which the community may not even be aware. We've made those changes, such as to how the budget is developed and on conduct--that took a lot of work to get through but will set the new group of Councillors up for success, he said.

Regarding challenges, FitzGerald said it is sometimes hard for elected officials to stay focused on long-term goals, rather than dealing with the day-to-day emergent issues. "There's never just one thing to deal with; there are a million things; but, where do we set our priorities?" he asked; It's just the nature of politics."

The Councillor said, after this term is complete, he thinks residents will remember the group as being the most representative of all segments of Morinville's population. "I think we've reflected the community better; we've breathed new life into Council and we've also been more transparent."

Rob Ladouceur. "I'm proud of being part of a great team," reflected Coun. Ladouceur, who said he learned a lot about himself during his term on Council. The Organizational Review is something he believes has been a success and has made the Town stronger. "We put into place some different processes that have helped to make us better governors," he said.

The legwork on the beginnings of the regional recreation facility is another highlight for Ladouceur. He described the arena, which will be constructed first in the rec centre, as 'great' and said the community should start seeing development on the building underway before the next Council's term begins. The rec centre has also been a great challenge, he noted, however, wishing funding with neighbouring communities could have been secured.

"I know that we don't have a lot of blockbuster moves that will define us," he said when asked what this Council's legacy will be, "[but] we have the new arena that is going to be built....[and] Council dealt with the first photo radar referendum also...I believe we were the first in Alberta, ever."

Gord Putnam. Coun. Putnam said he wasn't sure how this Council would be remembered by residents, though he does have things in which he is personally proud of achieving. "The chance to work on the merger of the Sturgeon and Westlock Foundations into Homeland Housing was a great example of regional cooperation that we clearly need more of in our region," he said. Supporting affordable housing in the area has been important to Putnam, who gave credit to the Town's CAO and Senior Planner for their roles in the initiative.

Other highlights for Putnam include the installation of traffic lights on Highway 2 and Cardiff Road, approving the Organizational Review, and increasing transparency in local governance (including public input into the budget).

Putnam said there are things he wishes Council could have accomplished this term, including solidifying long-term partnerships with regional neighbours on local rec, pointing out the upcoming rec centre and library funding; "this work has commenced but has not moved to the level I personally had hoped to see," he said.

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Putnam remarked, "my observation is that substantial resources are being spent on trying to resolve issues such as library, recreation, fire, and policing funding because of borders when I think the residents of the region are more interested in seeing less government overall and more efficient delivery services and fiscal accountability."

Stephen Dafoe. "When I ran for office, I didn't make any promises other than to communicate, be committed, and use common sense—and, I think I've done that," said Coun. Dafoe, who pointed out that he has had 100 percent attendance in all council meetings, as well as those for his [internal] boards and committees. When asked what he's most proud of accomplishing this term, Dafoe said it was having an open door policy to all community members on any issue they wished to raise. "...even if I didn't support [that particular issue], I still brought those concerns to the table (either via council or directly to the Administration)."

A particular highlight for the Councillor was bringing forward amendments in the photo enforcement policy, ensuring now that revenues are used only for specific community safety initiatives. Being open and transparent is another thing Dafoe said Council should be proud of; reinstating the Committee of the Whole meetings, holding public budget meetings, and embracing new technologies (such as live-streaming Council meetings) to reach residents have all been positives in his book and something for which he believes residents will remember this council.

What more could have been done? Dafoe believes more meetings may have been a positive for the Town. "Giving us more time to meet together could have allowed Council to work on some additional social and community pieces," replied Dafoe, who explained this could have been achieved through the Mayor calling for additional meeting times. Some face-to-face time with council as a whole (rather than email communication), he said, would have allowed them to "clean house" on individual policies that needed it.

Locals among recipients of Sovereign's Medal

by Morinville News Staff

Forty-four Alberta community leaders have received the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers in recognition of the time, compassion and commitment they have shared with a wide range of community organizations.

The medals were presented at an Edmonton ceremony co-hosted by Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell and the Legislative Assembly of Alberta Speaker Robert Wanner.

"These hardworking citizens are focused on building strong, caring and vibrant communities that allow all members to thrive," said Her Honour, the Honourable Lois E. Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta. "In this special birthday year for our country, it's a particular pleasure to recognize some of the people who embody the best of what it means to be Canadian."

The Honourable Robert Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta said it is an honour to recognize the tireless service of the deserving community leaders.

"These volunteers enrich the lives of Albertans and make a positive impact in our communities," Wanner said.

Included on the list of forty-four Alberta community leaders was Kristopher Porlier.

Since 2004, Kristopher Porlier has been active as a youth mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters, and as a victim services advocate for the Edmonton Police Services, and as a spokesperson against domestic violence with the Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation.

He has made his community a safer place to live.

Robert Day of Sturgeon County was also a recipient.

Robert Day has been a volunteer SurvivAir coach for the 533 St. Albert Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron for a decade, where he dedicates his time to passing on his expertise to the cadets he instructs.



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Left: Four members from The Source provided a demonstration of skateboard skills at the Rock the Rails event held Saturday afternoon at the Bob Foster Extreme Park. More than 50 youth were in attendance for the demo, lessons, prizes and hot dogs.



Above: On Saturday the Amazing Race & Corporate Challenge had more than 50 participants, which included four Corporate teams and nine families. Jiffy Lube placed first in the Corporate Challenge and the Campbell team for the family team.

Above left: The Spring Tea & Craft Sale was held Saturday at the Rendez-Vous Centre. There was a wide variety of crafts in the hall and a selection of various desserts, sandwiches and beverages in the games rooms area.

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Friends & Neighbours restaurant says goodbye

by Lucie Roy
Morinville News Correspondent



After more than 38 years in the family the Friends & Neighbours Family Restaurant, also known as Mona's closed its doors May 31.

Current owner Cindy Moncrieff said her mother; Mona St. Martin opened Friends & Neighbours Family Restaurant in 1979. It used to be called Jennifer's.

"Friends & Neighbours Family Restaurant was exactly that, a family owned and run restaurant for your friends, family, and neighbours, specializing in quality home cooking, great menu selection, and good friendly service," Moncrieff said, adding her mother, worked hard and always loved working with the staff and for the customers. She made

many friends over the years.

Moncrieff said she started working in the restaurant in 1997 and her mother began to show her the ropes so she could buy the restaurant when she was ready to retire.

Unfortunately, her mother passed away in August 2000, and in October of that year, Cindy purchased the restaurant.

She has run the business for more than sixteen years and said she had enjoyed all the new customers she has; She is ready to start a new chapter in her life.

The last week has been very emotional for her and the staff, and along with the excellent staff, she is very thankful to all of the loyal customers for their business over the years.

The restaurant has been purchased by an unknown buyer at this time.



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Christmas in June

On Saturday the Christmas in June Motorcycle Toy Run had more than 30 riders that took to the road for a good cause. The ride was followed by a BBQ.

- Lucie Roy Photo

Festival Society looking for new members

by Stephen Dafoe
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With Festival Days right around the corner June 16 to 18, the Morinville Festival Society are already looking beyond this year's event by appealing to the public for more members.

Festival Society President Korien Sampson said the board currently has seven members, but they would like to add more members.

"Many hands make light work so we really would appreciate three or four more coming on to join us," Sampson said.

Currently, the Festival Society meets once a month on Mondays. That ramps up to once a week six weeks away from putting on the annual festival.

Sampson sees the ideal member as someone with a love of community who wants to help plan Morinville's main festival each year.

"We do it for the community, so we'd really love to have the community to help figure out the best direction to bring this festival," she said.

Those interested in joining can find out more by emailing MorinvilleFestivalInfo@gmail.com.



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Festival Days are ahead

by Stephen Dafoe
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The Morinville Festival Society has traded the St. Jean Baptiste Festival for Festival Days. The event will run June 16-18 at the Morinville Arena and festival grounds.

Festival Society President Korien Sampson and her committee are excited to present a reinvigorated festival, all the more so because of the return of the midway.

"We are so happy the midway is back. That cost us a lot of money last year by not having a midway," Sampson said, noting the popular Rock 'N' Ride will return on the Friday night of Festival. Wristbands will be \$25 and include weekend gate admission.

Friday night will also include a beer garden, food court, and some entertainment - a trilogy of items Sampson referred to as short and simple.

As has been the case in previous years, Saturday will be the big day with a pancake breakfast, festival parade, Home Hardware / Bumper-to-Bumper Show & Shine, helicopter rides, Firefighters Combat Challenge, and some children's activities inside the arena.

One new Saturday item Sampson and her crew are excited about is the Canada 150 Participation event in the curling rink and outdoors. That event will include a scavenger hunt throughout the festival grounds for a cash prize.

"There will be little Canada fun facts scattered throughout the grounds, and you have to come find them and get your passport code," Sampson



said, noting the codes are entered into a passport picked up at the info booth. "Once the passport is filled, you bring it back, and your name will be entered into a draw for a cash prize."

The festival over the past couple of years has had a Logger Sports focus. Sampson said that event would be reduced this year due to being unable to find a sponsor for the competition.

"We're going to be doing family interactive Logger Sports," she said. "Our Logger Sports specialist Kat Spencer will be teaching kids how to do log rolling, kid's axe throw, and a kid's nail pound. Teenagers can do cross cut sawing."

Sunday will feature the Midway for a final day and the Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation run.

Despite having what she referred to as an extremely lean budget, Sampson is grateful for sponsorship for Festival Days and has put together a wide-variety of activities.

"With what's going on in the economy, sponsorship has been up by close to \$3000 this year," she said. "We're so thankful. We have a lot of community groups coming into the pavilion, which is wonderful. We're just really grateful for the support the community has shown."

Sampson realizes the elephant in the room is the disappointment many in the community had with the 2016

festival and that largely was due to not being able to secure the Midway. "It threw the committee for such a huge loop," she said. "We scrambled for something to fill that [void]. We came up with the Bouncy Castle idea. There just wasn't a whole lot that we could do to compensate for a Midway."

With a year of firsts behind them and lessons learned in the process, Sampson and the Morinville Festival Society are confident they have a winner for the residents and visitors to the community this time around.

"We really hope that the community will back this community event because we put this on for the community," she said.

Admission to the Festival Days grounds is \$5 for the entire weekend. Festival Days runs June 16 to 18.



Read-a-Thon

The Morinville Community Library ran a 50 Hour Read-A-Thon over the weekend recognizing 2017 as the library's 50th anniversary. The event started Friday and ended Sunday afternoon.

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Bison and Bluegrass mix over the festival weekend

by Stephen Dafoe
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Canadian Fiddle Legend Alfie Myhre and Fiddle Champion son Byron Myhre are two of the musicians hitting the stage at Smith Music during Festival Weekend for Bison and Bluegrass, the latest in the Champion Regional Series of food and music events.

The evening of music and regional food takes place June 17 with cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the live show at 8 p.m.

Organizer Paul Smith realizes bluegrass is a genre that may not be familiar to everyone.

"It's got the harmonies of gospel mixed with the chord progressions of country, and some of the technical feel of rock-a-billy," he said. "Bluegrass from the musicians perspective is actually one of the ultimate forms of music to play. It's very technically challenging from a harmony perspective and the fast playing. When you see that sense of awe in a really killer bluegrass player, there is nothing on earth that does that."

Smith said if people enjoy traditional county music, they will enjoy the bluegrass show.

The last two Champion Regional Series events - Dinner Time in the Maritimes and Eat, Drink, and Be Irish were sold-out events.

Smith attributes the success of the first two shows to providing entertainment in a smaller venue.

"People like the intimate atmosphere," he said of his venue that holds about 100. "It's a more personal, intimate event. It has a speakeasy feel to it."

Adding to the speakeasy feel is the fact that one has to join the Morinville For Musicians group - a no-cost club that gets concert goes the opportunity to buy tickets to the closed event.

"It's a smaller, friendly, quality night out," Smith said. "The acoustically tuned environment lets people listen to the music and have a conversation at the same time."

Joining Bluegrass on the evening's menu is bison, a main ingredient of the catered dinner ahead of the show.

"Bison is about getting back to your roots, and bluegrass is also about getting back to your roots," Smith said.

Tickets are \$40 and available at Smith Music.



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Morinville Farmers' Market in need of customers to keep vendors coming back

by Stephen Dafoe
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The Morinville Farmers' Market opened the 2017 summer market season last Friday with their first outdoor market of the year. The market will continue its outdoor run in the arena parking lot on Fridays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. until the fall when it will return inside the arena for the winter season.

Farmers' Market Manager Korien Sampson said the outdoor market started with about 15 to 20 vendors, including fruits and vegetables from Red Apple, Young's Fresh Beef, Codfather's Fresh Seafood, and Intimate Impressions, the latter a company that makes planters out of towels.

"We're excited. We're looking forward to our 32nd season at the Farmers' Market," Sampson said. "We're looking to grow it. We changed our hours specifically so the public can come."

Sampson said the hours, changed last year to accommodate commuting shoppers, have worked well, although the market had a slow winter season.

Although Sampson recognizes that the economy has had an effect on the Farmers' Market in Morinville and other communities in Alberta, she also realizes that more customers are needed to keep vendors coming back.

"Sometimes with the price of the product, you think it is cheaper in the store, but the quality is that much higher," Sampson said, adding the vendors have been dropping prices to help customers. "It's a lot easier for big companies to truck their produce in than it is for Grandma Lee down the road to grow her garden and put tender loving care into it, so you get you quality vegetables and products."

Sampson said for the winter market to thrive, they should have been seeing about 200 to 300 customers per week. In the closing weeks of the indoor market, the actual tally through the door was between 50 and 75, a quarter of the number needed to thrive. For the summer market, Sampson said an ideal number is 500 customers per day to start, building to 1000 at the peak. Last year's numbers show the outdoor market ranging between 300 to 400 each week.

"If we could start the outdoor market at 500 and build to 1000, you'd see a totally different market," Sampson said.

The Morinville Farmers' Market runs this and every Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. A special Farmer' Market will also run during Festival Days starting June 16.



Cheryl Smith of Red Apple shows some of the produce available at the Morinville Farmers' Market in this Morinville News File Photo. Red Apple is back again this year selling produce.



Notre Dame holds Canada 150 and cultural awareness day

submitted photos

École Notre Dame Celebrated Canada's 150th Birthday on Thursday, June 1 with a full day of activities.

The opening Ceremony took place at 8:30 and was followed by Running Thunder Dancers Class Presentations - 9:10. A Staff Cultural Lunch was held in the morning and the school assembled to make a maple leaf with students. The day wrapped up with a Closing Ceremony at 2 p.m.

"It was an absolutely amazing day of celebration and cultural awareness," said Lisa Kleparchuk, Notre Dame Vice Principal. "Running Thunder Dancers Presentation, laughter, education, awareness and most of all hope that we all matter and that healing is possible through song and dance."

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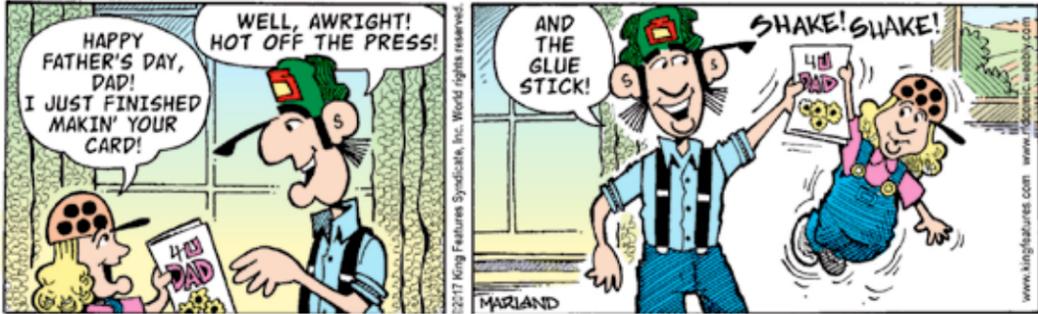
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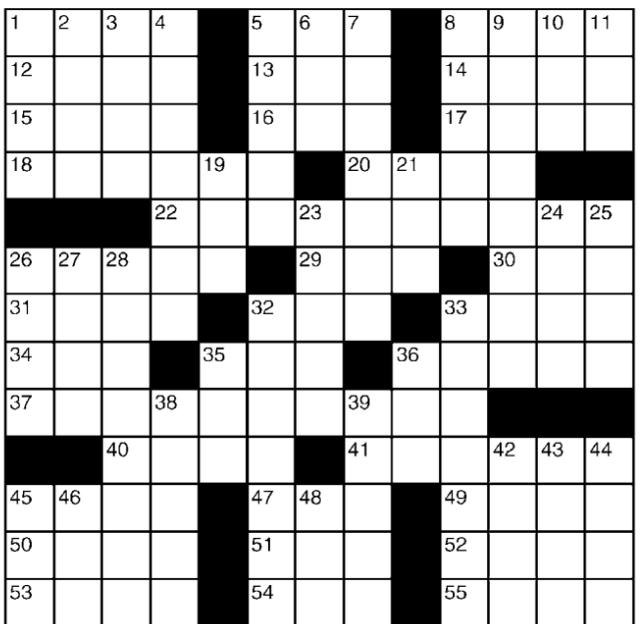
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- 32 Rowing need
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- 50 Padlocked fastener



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- 7 Bad pun
- 8 Radiant
- 9 Work on manuscripts
- 10 Periodical, for short
- 11 Greek vowel
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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY:** Who was the first female prime minister of India?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Mainland Australia is divided into how many states and territories?
- ENTERTAINERS:** What actress was born with the name Demetria Guynes?
- MUSIC:** What band was singer Peter Gabriel lead singer of before he went solo?
- AWARDS:** Which organization won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1944?
- PROVERBS:** What is the ending of this famous proverb: "There is nothing new ...?"
- U.S. CITIES:** What U.S. city is often called Little Cuba?
- ANATOMY:** What are the names of the arteries on either side of the human neck that supply blood to the brain?
- LITERATURE:** Who wrote the 1962 book "Silent Spring," which revealed the dangers of pesticide use?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president's administration was involved in The Teapot Dome bribery scandal?

Trivia Test Answers
 1. Indira Gandhi; 2. Six states and two territories; 3. Demi Moore; 4. Genesis; 5. The Red Cross; 6. ... under the sun; 7. Miami; 8. Carotid; 9. Rachel Carson; 10. Warren Harding

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Seniors' Week June 5 - 11

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PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Permanent Road Closure

You are invited to attend a Public Hearing for a Road Closure Bylaw and provide your comments directly to Council. If you prefer to write to Council, send your written comments to the Legislative Officer before 4:30 p.m. on June 12th, 2017. These comments will be reviewed as part of the hearing process.

What is the Permanent Road Closure Bylaw about?

The purpose of Bylaw 8/2017 is to close to public travel and dispose of an undeveloped, unused and unnecessary roadway widening along 100 Street (a portion of Road Plan 3982 EU, containing 0.06 ha, more or less), as shown below. Planning & Economic Development supports this proposed bylaw.



How Will This Affect Me?

The proposed bylaw will allow for the consolidation of the land with the abutting cemetery.

How Do I Get More Information

A copy of the proposed bylaw and background information may be examined between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the Office of the Legislative Officer at St. Germain Place, or online at www.morinville.ca/planningnews.

Share YOUR Voice We're listening

PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, June 13, 2017 • 7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers — St. Germain Place
10125 - 100 Ave. Morinville, AB

Phone 780.939.4361

Mail/In Person Legislative Officer, Town of Morinville
10125 - 100 Ave. Morinville, AB T8R 1L6

Internet www.morinville.ca

Email jmaskoske@morinville.ca

Town Reminders

Property Tax Deadline

Morinville Property Taxes are due on or before June 30. All current taxes unpaid as of June 30, 2017 are subject to a **penalty of 7.5%**. Any unpaid taxes outstanding at December 31, 2017 are subject to a **penalty of 9%**. Should you have any questions, please call 780.939.4361.

Summer Road Maintenance

If you notice a pothole that needs repairing, please contact Public Works to report it at 780.939.2590. Please ensure you can explain in detail the location of the concern.

Traffic Line & Crosswalk Painting

Public Works is responsible for the line marking of all streets, curbs and Town-managed parking. Please exercise caution when driving in areas where personnel are working.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Morinville Historical And Cultural Society will hold their Annual General Meeting on Monday June 12 at 7 p.m. at the Musée Morinville Museum, 10010 - 101 Street.



You're Invited: Mobility Strategy Open House

You're invited to attend a 'come and go' open house to view information about the Mobility Strategy Project and the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Update Project. There will not be a formal presentation.

The purpose of the Mobility Strategy Project is to create the foundation on which a more detailed technical Mobility Master Plan will be built.

The purpose of the Municipal Development Plan Update Project is to ensure the MDP aligns with current planning documents and objectives and to incorporate findings from the Mobility Strategy Project into its policies.

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Place: Morinville Community Cultural Centre (9502-100 Ave.)

Upcoming Town Events

Morinville FCSS Celebrates Seniors' Week

June 5 - 11

Seniors' Week is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the seniors (residents aged 55+) of our community.

June 6 | 1 - 3 p.m. We Painted That

June 7 (Bus cost: \$6) Bus Excursion to West Edmonton Mall

June 8 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Seniors' Garden Tea, first seating

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Seniors' Garden Tea, second seating

June 9 Senior Coffee Social & Information Workshop

All programs are FREE and hosted at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre. To register, or for more information, please contact: Mary Benson at 780.939.7875.

Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, June 17, 2017

Time: 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. (Before Festival Days Parade)

Location: in front of Town Hall (10125-100 Ave.)

During Mayor & Council's annual pancake breakfast we will be accepting non-perishable food items, cleaning and personal care items, and cash donations in support of the Morinville Food Bank. While the pancake breakfast is free, a donation to the Food Bank is encouraged.

Construction Kick Off Party

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Time: 5:30 p.m. — Doors Open

6 p.m. — Formal Presentation | 7 p.m. — BBQ

Location: Morinville Community Cultural Centre (9502-100 Ave.)

Mayor and Council of Morinville cordially invite you to the construction kick-off party, celebrating the ground breaking and start of construction of the Morinville Community Recreation Facility. Everyone is invited to attend, but you must have a ticket for entry (including children & babies). Tickets can be picked up at Town Hall or the Morinville Community Cultural Centre.

FOR A FULL LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS GO TO WWW.MORINVILLE.CA

Town Council

Agenda packages for Regular Council & Committee of the Whole Meetings are posted on the Town website at www.morinville.ca by 4:30 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting date.

Regular Council Meeting June 13, 2017 | 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
St. Germain Place 10125-100 Ave.

Will be live-streamed on Facebook

Committee of the Whole Meeting June 20, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
St. Germain Place 10125-100 Ave.

Regular Council Meeting June 27, 2017 | 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
St. Germain Place 10125-100 Ave.

Will be live-streamed on Facebook

Council Highlights — available online

Council highlights provide a short, informal update on what occurred at the Council Meetings. To access the highlights, visit www.morinville.ca