



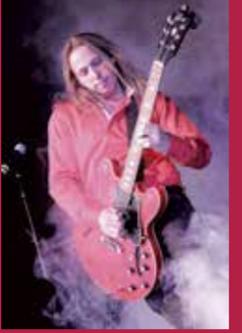
Teddy bear tea

Musée Morinville Museum Operations Attendant Donna Garrett stands by a collection of vintage teddy bears that go on display Sept. 7 at the museum. See Page 10 for more photos and details.

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Chalifoux contributing to arts and culture in Morinville for decades

by Lucie Roy
Morinville News Correspondent

As Albertans are getting ready to celebrate Alberta Culture Days from Sept. 30 to Oct 2, we spoke with Morinville artist Jeannine Pauline Chalifoux, who has contributed decades of her time and work to the arts, history and culture of Morinville.

Chalifoux said she started painting in 1967 with artist Les Graf, then painted on her own until 1978. She is mainly self-taught and has also participated in art courses and workshops with several instructors, including Harry Savage, Paul Braid, Gisela Felsberg, Britta Seward and Pauline Pike.

Chalifoux was instrumental in forming the Morinville Art Club (a registered society). Chalifoux said the Morinville Art Club celebrated its 25th Anniversary as a registered club in May 2003. She served as President for 24 of those 25 years. She also designed the Club's pin and was also responsible for organizing all the classes and workshops in various art media.

The Morinville Art Club hosted the 1986 and 1991 Alberta Community Art Clubs Association (ACACA) Northern Zone Juried Show and also held annual spring and fall art teas, Art in the Park and other events.

At three separate Zone Shows, a painting was chosen for the Alberta Wide Show in Red Deer, and for two consecutive years — 1989-1990 — received the University Of Alberta Faculty Of Education's Lillian Nunn Scholarship.

Chalifoux also established the Kermaria Gallery, which was located on the second floor of the old convent, then known as the Morinville Historical and Cultural Centre. The gallery displayed artwork from the community but closed when the building became used for the museum and apartments.

In 1990, Chalifoux designed and painted a four-foot by eight-foot military-themed mural, which is still hanging in the Royal Canadian Legion in Morinville.

Inside the Musée Morinville Museum are two large matching tableaus depicting the history of the early settlers, both with artwork by Chalifoux. She painted both in 1991 commemorating Morinville's Centennial.

In 2009, she painted a tableau themed the Franco-German pioneers of Morinville. This tableau is hanging outside the entrance of the museum and is dedicated to the memory of the French Canadian and German pioneers of Morinville, and recognizing their hard work and tenacity in building the community together.

Chalifoux said she has exhibited paintings at Ottawa's Parliament Hill dining room, the United States, Japan, Collection Gallery, Opperhauser Gallery, Stony Plain, Veggies International Cuisine in Edmonton, Anna's Restaurant in St. Albert, the Misericordia Hospital Health Centre Art



Enrichment group in Edmonton, and at the 1996 Heritage Festival with the ACFA.



Chalifoux, a Society Director of the Morinville Historical & Cultural Society for decades, also provided assistance in the history of some of the many vignettes in St. Jean Baptiste Park. She also has many of her paintings hanging in the museum.

The artist said she enjoys working with oils, watercolour, pen and ink, acrylic, but she said her favourite is still pastels.

Chalifoux has volunteered on the Town of Morinville Naming Committee, Frontier Daze Festival, and the Morinville Festival Society, and with the Catholic Women's League. Her years of volunteerism earned her the Town of Morinville Volunteer of the Year Award for 1994 and 2008.

Both Chalifoux and her husband were involved with the Frontier Daze for years, and she was one of the five can-can girls named "Les Girls," and he was the director and also played the piano. "We sang, danced and did funny things," Chalifoux said.

Chalifoux was born Jeannine Pauline Cote in 1936 and was the second last of seven children born to Zoel Cote and wife Marie Dentinger. She grew up and went to school in Donnelly, a small town in Northern Alberta. In 1959 she married Norman Chalifoux on his birthday - May 18. They had two girls: Louise (born in 1961) and Jackie (born in 1965). The oldest followed in her father's footsteps and is a pharmacist. The youngest is a massage therapist.

Currently, Chalifoux is Treasurer of the Morinville Art Club. She said she is only half a block from the bank, so if

any banking needs to be done, it is easy for her to do.

She had to resign from the Morinville Festival Society two months ago as she said she was advised by her doctor to slow down.

She is still involved with the Musée Morinville Museum and is a Society Director for the Morinville Historical & Cultural Society.

"If we have a museum, it is thanks to Norm," she said. Norm Chalifoux was instrumental in establishing and operating the museum in the former Notre Dame Convent until his death in 2004. A salon in the museum has been named in his honour. Norm also received the Citizen of the Year award in 1976 for his volunteerism.

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BOYS Program looking to help young men know themselves and their situations

by Stephen Dafoe
stephen@morinvillenews.com

A six-week community program starting in Morinville Sept. 29 will offer boys aged seven to 11 an hour-and-a-half of useful information every Thursday afternoon.

BOYS stands for Boys: Owning Your Situations. The program talks about real life stuff, according to Rebecca Balanko, the creator of the program. Balanko is the Community Resources Coordinator at Sturgeon school Division, and she created the program through her day job.

Although the sessions take place at Morinville Public School, Balanko points out it is not exclusive to students who attend that school.

"This is open to anybody from any area," she said.

"We talk about resiliency. We talk about friendship. We talk about conflict. We talk about things that make them who they are and look at some of those personal things around why they picked the friend they have or why they have the conflict that they have. But it's always about building up their personal toolkit and walking away with better coping skills and maybe changing their self-esteem a bit. They'll feel really good walking away from the sessions."

Balanko sees the sessions as a preventative program that will provide young men with the skills she says we all need to move along in life.

"I think people are more aware that it's an issue," Balanko said "Becoming an up-and-coming teen is a difficult time. We all look for



those validations from our peers, and when that's not happening, we take that personally. It's important that we know what our strengths are. "We want resilient young people. We need resilient young people."

The program will offer a variety of activities from the practical to ones that are just pure fun. One of Balanko's favourite portions is posing the philosophical question: Why doesn't Batman smile? She says she is always delighted by the variety of thoughtful and humorous responses young men have given when she has presented sessions in schools.

"I don't want it to feel like school; we try to keep it lighthearted," she said. "We talk a lot about the conflict between siblings and with parents. We do some hands-on activities as well. I think the issues are there [for boys]. I think they are just not spoken about the way they are with girls."

Despite filling the GIRLS program five years in a row, two previous attempts have been made to get the BOYS program off the ground.

Balanko said she is looking for a maximum of 14 children but needs a minimum of eight for the program to go ahead this year.

"It's an ideal group," she said of the 14 number. "There has been a lot of interest and personal messages from people that are interested."

Balanko is hoping the program takes off its third time at bat.

"I saw there was a need for young guys to have something, and we've been unsuccessful in having met capacity here in town," she said. "I think with the BOYS Program we are often competing with a lot of the winter sports that start up. There is a lot of commitment when it comes to sports, and I get that. But sports isn't for everyone, and it's nice to have an alternative."

The cost of the program is \$50 per participant, and Balanko said subsidies are available through the Town's Family and Community Support Services Department.

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Thursday, September 8th 10:30 am

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Thursday, September 8th, 11:00 am

Minecraft Club

Monday, September 12th 3:30 pm & 5:30 pm

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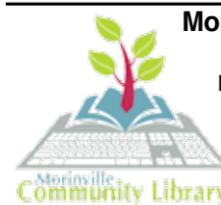
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Simple Living Community Guild

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National Column:

Electoral reform talks are in full swing, sort of

by Paul Wells

Now we're cooking with grease. After a lazy summer during which Canadians could not be made to care about anything in particular in any great number, there will soon be an electoral-reform town hall at a location near you.

A government website lists 12 public events for next Tuesday, 11 for Wednesday, 10 for Thursday. Liberal, Conservative, New Democratic and Green MPs are organizing town hall-style events. Some MPs are having several on successive nights in different parts of their ridings.

Maryam Monsef, the Trudeau government's lead minister on changes to the electoral system, has launched a cross-country tour to ask people for opinions on changing the way we elect governments. Her effort will soon be—supplemented by? competing with?— that of the special Commons committee on electoral reform, which is launching its own national listening tour.

And so a nation rises up to change the way it picks its governments. Just kidding. Actually the whole thing is pretty close to a shambles. Monsef kicked off her tour in Iqaluit, on a Monday morning with only a few days' notice. Amazingly, almost nobody showed up. And the CBC reports that Inuktitut translation, which is really not a luxury in Iqaluit, was unavailable for those who did come. The minister, who seems conscientious, promised to do better next time.

Meanwhile, when it comes to electoral reform, this whole country has been behaving like a Monday morning in Iqaluit. Pollster Darrell Bricker told the Commons committee that he found three respondents in 100 who were following this whole process closely. They were disproportionately older affluent white men. Monsef's stated belief is that we already hear way too much from older affluent white men. But a month-long burst of town halls, 100 people here and there, seems unlikely to change the numbers much.

The witnesses who did show up before the Commons committee during the Ottawa phase of its work found MPs who were, in the loudest cases, looking for support, not evidence.

Scott Reid, the Conservative MP for Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, has come alive this year to an extent that is gratifying for anyone who recalls what a quiet lad he was when his party was in power. He is careful to ask each witness whether they believe a referendum is necessary before electoral reform is implemented.

Some say yes. Others say no.

Sometimes Reid gets a consolation prize, as when the former NDP leader Ed Broadbent said no referendum is needed, but broad cross-party consensus within Parliament is. This is fine with Reid because

there can be no consensus. The Conservatives do not want the current first-past-the-post system changed, and since they are shy about saying so, they simply demand a referendum. All the evidence suggests such a vote could be run either quickly or well, but not both. Elizabeth May, who is inexplicably still the leader of the Green Party, is sure of one thing, which is that she doesn't want any referendum.

The NDP and Liberals are less solidly entrenched on process, but on the substance of the matter their differences are irreconcilable. The NDP wants proportional representation, which makes life easier for

smaller parties. The Liberals prefer a ranked ballot, which ensures that winning parties draw support from more voters. What a coincidence: each change would make life easier for the party that proposes it.

The Trudeau government has stepped up the resources it is dedicating to this debate.

Last month, Mark Kennedy, a former Ottawa Citizen reporter, popped up in the Prime Minister's Office as a communications adviser on electoral reform. The cabinet committee handling the electoral-reform file got a fresh infusion of new members.

This is a salvage operation, and I don't see how it can work. A new PMO staffer and a longer committee table won't create consensus or public interest where none exist. Opposition MPs suspect the Liberals are



obsessed with ramming the ranked-ballot system through, and that they will do anything to get there.

This is all backward. Liberals I talk to don't see any change as being worth a fight. Which means it's hard to imagine any major change happening.

Trudeau did promise the 2015 election would be the last under first-past-the-post. Breaking that promise will be embarrassing. Keeping it seems impossible. Providentially, the Commons committee heard on

Thursday from witnesses who said it's more important to do this right than to do it quickly. That's the sort of line that will come in handy when the reform process collapses.

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Comment: What are you talking about?

Council passed the Automated Photo Enforcement Policy at their first return to Council after the summer break. See our story on Page 6. Here are some comments you made on the topic online when we posted the story Sept. 2.

Ryan Denke wrote: It's still about MONEY, and we know that due to the lack of discussion around traffic engineering. Before cameras are deployed at a location, a comprehensive traffic engineering evaluation should be performed to determine if drivers exceeding the posted limit is the root cause or problems in the area, as well as an evaluation of the speed limits, and of the signage and alternative solutions. That's what you would do if you were really concerned about safety.

Jenny Delaine wrote: Great! Maybe it can fund some much needed lights for some crosswalks in town!

Derek Anheliger wrote: If the town is actually concerned with safety, then start turning residential streets into 30 km/h zones. It's just a few extra SECONDS it will take people to go to and from their house. There's a big difference between a pedestrian's chance of survival after an impact with a speed limit reduction of 20 km/h. Too many kids have been hit in this town as it is. It's only a matter of time before there's a fatality.

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New photo enforcement policy passes

requires money go directly to traffic safety and community programs

by **Tristan Turner**
Morinville News Correspondent

Council has unanimously passed a new policy and reviewed administrative procedures that they hope will bring a new approach to photo radar enforcement in Morinville. Following rounds of amendments and changes, the new policy came forward as tensions between Council and Administration on the direction for the photo radar program were high.

These tensions rose after years of resident concerns regarding the implementation of the program, culminating in a narrowly failed plebiscite to scrap radar completely. After the close-call vote, Council has been looking at revamping their approach to the program, advocating for a focus on safety and monitoring school zones instead of 'high incident areas' like those at Cardiff Road or near the Pump House.

This advocacy from Council was apparent in previous changes to the program, though they ultimately remained unsatisfied that policy changes had a significant impact. With the adoption of these new policies and procedures, Councillors are changing their tune.

Councillor Brennan Fitzgerald felt this policy change would bring the policy more in line with Council's wishes. "I'm really liking what I'm seeing here," a comment and attitude that was reflected across Council throughout the night, a sharp contrast to the previous bemoaning by Council on automated enforcement.

Changes in place

The new policy and procedures make changes that will place limits and minimums on photo enforcement operation time in certain zones throughout Town. The Town's approach to photo enforcement is unusual in that Council built a policy but requested seeing the Administrative procedures before passing the policy. The procedures dictate a great deal about operator site selection, among other restrictions. Corporate Operations Director David Schaefer asserted that in his research, this

type of policy and procedure does not exist anywhere else, and some of it needed to be tailor made for Morinville.

In the new procedures, received for information by Council, a minimum of 20 per cent of enforcement time must be in school zones or playground zones, and a maximum of 60 per cent will be spent enforcing major arterial roads, including Cardiff Road). A significant change is that the RCMP will be responsible for allocating time spent at the various locations, in accordance with the Solicitor General's guidelines. Schaefer acknowledged that the Town already spends more than 20 per cent of their time enforcing in school zones throughout much of the year, but these changes will allow flexibility for summer months when school is out.

Another change involves a new restriction that will require an enforcement officer to get permission to park in front of fire hydrants or crosswalks in Town before they can do so, following citizen complaints. Schaefer confirmed that this is legal and sometimes advisable when parking is at a premium in an enforcement zone, though the new legislation will require permission first.

The new procedures also require that the enforcement officers will have to file reports when they complete enforcement in an area with detailed information about why it was chosen and the enforcement action taken. Mayor Holmes had a concern that the procedures did not require officers to log the time they spent enforcing an area to the town by time of day. Schaefer said that this would be "impossible to include" providing a level of detail that is too granular. However, they eventually came to an understanding by requesting monthly reports that go to the solicitor general in traffic enforcement that already includes this data, which will be shared with the public online provided the province approves it.

Amendments guide how money is spent

Before passing the policy, there were a number of amendments. Councillor Dafoe's motion to review photo radar locations every two years rather than every three passed unanimously. Dafoe said that Council intends to "exceed provincial guidelines" with their approach to the transparency of the program.

Another amendment by Councillor Dafoe changes the program so that revenue generation from automated enforcement is required to be directed towards road safety, community programs and town projects.

This change means the majority of revenues from Automated Traffic Enforcement will be used for traffic, public and pedestrian safety based on the following priorities in order of importance and allocation: 1. Vehicle, pedestrian and public safety including but not exclusive to crossing lights, crosswalks, trail lighting, photo speed sign education etc. 2. Preventative

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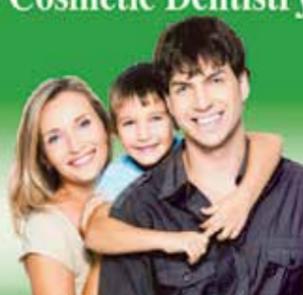
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Previously revenue from photo radar had been used to pay back town debt on infrastructure projects, with the Morinville Cultural Centre recently being paid off in full thanks to photo radar revenues.

Dafoe's motion passed 4-3 with Councillors Nicole Boutestein, Gord Putnam, and Deputy Mayor Brennan Fitzgerald opposed to the amendment. Boutestein commented that she was more comfortable continuing to use income from photo radar towards infrastructure debt, saying, "I like the idea... the only concern that I have is we paid off the Cultural Centre in four years with that money, so it's not like it was squandered. I think we did a great thing for the Town by paying off a \$5-million-dollar asset ... I think we did a good job with what we did with the money ... and we're looking at building a new rec facility, Maybe we could use some of that money towards that."

Councillor Turner, on the other hand, felt it was a good thing for the town to have a "reliable source of income for community groups" and backed the change because it was spending that would "build community."

Councillor Gordon Putnam brought forward a large round of spelling, grammar and clarification changes to the document in order to "ensure the final document is professional," particularly because he felt many other communities may look to Morinville's as an example of an alternative to traditional photo enforcement programs. Council unanimously approved these changes.

Mayor Holmes also felt it was vital to include something in the procedure to identify photo radar vehicles as they are operating, like markings or magnets on the vehicle. Schaefer agreed with Holmes, but said that the problem was with restrictions from the province.

Schaefer eventually said that he would confirm with the province that it is allowed, and if it is, magnets will be placed on the vehicles with the logo of the Town. Holmes commented she would call for full vehicle wrappings, but that would settle for magnets as Schaefer insisted that wrappings would never be allowed.

Following some other tweaks and comments, the main motion passed unanimously and signaled a dramatic change in photo enforcement policy for Morinville.

Council approves new Westwinds Catholic School site following empty public hearing

by **Tristan Turner**
Morinville News Correspondent

Morinville will be going ahead with its second in progress school this year, following a motion by council to approve the site of a new Catholic Elementary School in Town.

After a brief public hearing with no comments from the public, Council unanimously passed 2nd and 3rd reading on a bylaw required to move forward with the new Catholic School in Morinville. The new site is within the upcoming Westwinds development, south of the railway crossing along 100 Street and North of No Frills. This new development was originally expected to go ahead as a commercial area without a school, but following this amendment to the Area Structure Plan, the province can go ahead with the construction of a Catholic Elementary School.

The site is supported by the Greater St. Albert Catholic School District, who had Board Chair Noreen Radford on hand during the meeting. The board and the developer Landrex both supported the changes and the new development. With no correspondence or public concerns noted, Council unanimously passed both readings rapidly.

Council had no debate or comments on the motion, but applauded the school board, the developer and the Town for getting a new school site selected and approved as part of the larger development. Timelines on the construction of the school now rest with the province and the Ministry of Education, who are currently working on over 200 new school projects province-wide.

Residents can review the site plan, which includes a storm water maintenance facility and planned access from 100 Street, on the Town's website within the Aug. 30 council agenda package.

Prior to the summer break, Council approved the location of the new public middle school, which will be located along Grandin Drive.



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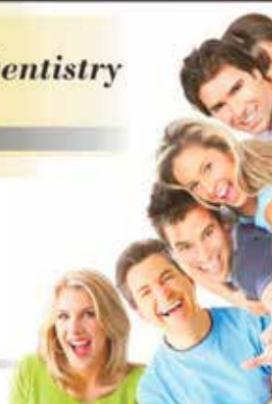
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Council passes new pet bylaw after amendments chickens now allowed in town

by **Tristan Turner**
Morinville News Correspondent

Following multiple rounds of amendments, passes and rescinding of readings and debate, Council has now passed a rework of pet ownership policy in Morinville, changes that will make significant changes to pet registration and enforcement in Morinville.

Chief among these changes included allowing the framework for the registering of nearly any safe animal, including chickens or other less common animal companions through a permitting process. This approval comes following passage of 2nd and 3rd reading of the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw.

Chickens

A motion arising was made by Councillor Rob Ladouceur to limit the number of applicants for chickens to 10 people having a maximum of six chickens each. The motion further limits the registry of unusual animals to just chickens during a one-year trial period for the Bylaw. The Bylaw will be reviewed by Council at the end of the year.

The motion passed with only Deputy Mayor Brennan Fitzgerald voting against because he felt it was unnecessary because administration already had direction from Council, eliminating the need to be in the motion. "I already have faith that the correct decisions [by administration] will be made," he said.

Those interested in keeping chickens will have specific requirements imposed on them for housing size and style, as well as the need to have taken proper training.

Dogs on a leash

The new law takes effect at the end of the year and will also bring a new on-leash requirement across town (aside from designated off-leash areas), meaning residents will now be required to keep their dogs restrained at all times when in public or face a fine.



Dogs and cats to be registered, not licensed

Owners also will now receive discounts when registering their dogs and cats for completing responsible pet owner tasks, such as neutering their animal and microchipping.

Registering a dog or cat is \$100 initially. That amount drops to \$50 if the animal is spayed or neutered. The registration drops to \$25 if the animal has also been microchipped or tattooed.

Once the animal is registered, the annual renewal fee is \$10 per animal, and the animal keeps the same tag throughout its life.

Animal owners will be able to provide permission to include their phone number in the database so that found animals can be searched on the Town website so residents can contact the owner.

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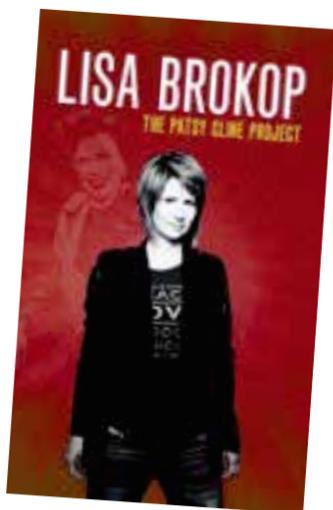
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Upcoming Town Events

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Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

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

The Town of Morinville Community Services is hosting an Active Living Fair on Thursday, September 8, 2016. The event will showcase the spirit of our community including local organizations, community groups, agencies and businesses that provide services within our community. Registrations and information will be available at the various booths. **IF YOU'RE A VENDOR CALL 780.939.7833 TODAY TO BOOK YOUR TABLE.**

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Morinville Terry Fox Run

Tuesday September 13, 2016

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

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Reuse It or "Loose It"

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Skyline Ball Diamonds (10510-107 St.)

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FOR A FULL LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS GO TO www.morinville.ca

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- **Traffic Advisory Committee** (2 vacancies)
- **Morinville Public Library** (3 vacancies)

Please submit your application no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 23, 2016** to Jennifer Maskoske, Legislative Officer.

Application packages and information are available at the Town Office (10125 – 100th Avenue, Morinville) or on our website at www.morinville.ca.

Public Hearing

LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT (10701 - 100 Avenue Commercial)

You are invited to attend a Public Hearing for a Land Use Bylaw Amendment 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 September 12th, 2016. These comments will be reviewed as part of the hearing process.

What is the Bylaw Amendment about?

The purpose of Bylaw 13/2016 is to change Morinville Land Use Bylaw 3/2012, Schedule A – Land Use District Map, from Public and Private Services (PS) District to proposed Site Specific Non-Vehicular-Oriented General Commercial (DC-4-2) District for 10701 – 100 Avenue (Lot 12, Block 1, Plan 852 0352), as shown right.



How Will This Affect Me?

The proposed amendment will allow for future commercial developments such as alcohol sales, gas bars, offices, personal/professional services, restaurants, and/or retail stores.

How Do I Get More Information

A copy of the proposed bylaw and background information may be examined between the hours of 8:30 am 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.

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Organics Collection

Organics are collected weekly from May to October. November to April organics will be collected monthly. For detailed information, download the waste collection schedule at www.morinville.ca

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Morinville Community Events Calendar

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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

September 13, 2016 | 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
St. Germain Place 10125-100 Ave.

Committee of the Whole Meeting

September 20, 2016 | 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
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Regular Council Meeting

September 27, 2016 | 7:30 p.m.

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It's a Teddy Bear Tea at the Musée Morinville Museum

by Stephen Dafoe
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A new exhibit officially opens at the Musée Morinville Museum Sept. 7, combining a collection of teddy bears and teapots into an historical teddy bear tea.

It's been 109 years since composer John Walter Bratton penned the popular children's song *Teddy Bear's Picnic*, but the stuffed toys are as popular today as they have been since the name was coined when American President Theodore Roosevelt refused to shoot a clubbed bear his hunting colleagues tied to a tree back in 1902.

Toy manufacturer Morris Michtom is said to have crafted the first bear after seeing a political cartoon of Teddy refusing to shoot the bear.

Despite the toy's origins in less than delicate origins, teddy bears have been a part of childhood ever since, as has the tradition of having a tea party with stuffed bears.

The Musée Morinville Museum is hoping those fond memories of childhood will draw people out to see their new exhibit of teddy bears and teapots.

Operations Attendant Donna Garrett said the collection was donated by the family of Jane Van Zyll Langhout (1928-2015), an avid collector of all things teddy bear.

"She was a collector of everything," Garrett said, noting the teapots on display were also part of her collection. "She collected monkeys as well."

The Musée Morinville Museum is open Wednesday to Saturday from noon until 5 p.m. For more information visit museemorinvillemuseum.com.

Above: Some of the vintage teddy bears on display at the museum.

Right: 1902 political cartoon said to have inspired the creation of the teddy bear.

Below: Two of the antique tea and coffee pots on display as part of the museum's new collection. The left was part of the temperance movement, the left, a tribute to the royal family.



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New greenhouse owners looking to put down roots near Morinville

by Jennifer Lavallee
Morinville News Correspondent

When Deb Foisy learned a greenhouse was for sale near the Town of Morinville, her interest was immediately piqued.

The business, which is formerly known as Fred's Flowers, is located about three minutes west of Town.

"Our friend, Michiel Verheul, told us the greenhouse was for sale. So, my husband and I came and looked at the property and viewed Fred's Flowers," explained Foisy in an Aug. 29 interview. Verheul is the past President of the Alberta Greenhouse Growers Association (AGGA) and owner of another business in the area, High Q Greenhouses.

"We saw this as an amazing opportunity for our family," reflected Foisy, adding "we were ready for this move. It was the right time."

And so, that's what they did.

Foisy, her husband, Cody, and their four kids packed up and made the trek east from their farm in Yellowhead County, about 135 kilometres away, ready to start a new adventure.

But, make no mistake—Foisy is no stranger to the biz. For the last seven years, she and her husband have been running a popular greenhouse and U-Pick Raspberry Farm on their land near the Hamlet of Wildwood. The old business was called Debs Greenhouse, a name they're bringing with them to the new place as well.

Debs Greenhouse was a popular spot: "people were driving one to two to three hours to come and visit us all the time," said the green thumb, who is also the current President of the AGGA and a regular speaker at industry conferences. Foisy says one reason the decision to move close to Morinville was a no-brainer for her, and her family, was the opportunity to be closer to a larger municipal centre and population—it meant growing the business.

Though she considers herself a grower first, Foisy also has another distinct talent, woodworking. Currently, the empty greenhouse has a collection of beautiful, rustic-looking shelves and display cases ready to be put into the right spots in their new home, all of them made by Foisy herself.

"We just moved in so there's still lots to do, but...if I wasn't the greenhouse lady, I'd be known as the woodworking lady, for sure. We build all these things, like this shelving, in the winter, and we use all Alberta lumber."

The Foisys plan to debut the greenhouse this Fall by introducing a series of classes geared towards adults, teenagers, and even children.

"We do lots of classes in the Fall, and we centre them around plants. We also like to do things that are fun and trendy, like chalk painting and repurposing old things, and making succulent planters, and all kinds of cool things like that."

"Kids are always almost welcome at our classes. Like, don't get a babysitter, unless it's a late evening class. Bring your kids along; they can come and play, and we'll find something they can do so they can have a fun experience too."

Over the winter, Foisy says she will have specific items for sale on her website, like hanging baskets and planter boxes, which will be ready for



Spring pick-up. "It's something that's become really popular for us, and we only reserve a certain amount of space for custom orders," she remarked, "it does fill up rather quickly."

Debs Greenhouse will officially be opening in the Spring, however, with more classes and as a fully functioning greenhouse that sells flowers, hanging baskets and planters, succulents, vegetable transplants, and select shrubs and trees (by special order online).

By that time Foisy also hopes to have a new 3,000 square foot addition built on to the west side of her greenhouse.

"I'm just so excited to fill this place with flowers. It's going to be beautiful," exclaimed the entrepreneur, who says she is eager to lay down roots in her new community. "I don't know yet what my market is going to be like here...I think my biggest challenge is going to be learning the names of all my new customers and what they want, because I really do try to do that."

Despite taking on a significant family move and a new business venture, Foisy still found room on her to-do list to take on one more big project. She and her husband decided to add home renovations to the list as well.

The Foisys and their four kids moved into the farmhouse located on the same property as the greenhouse.

"I believe the house was built in the 1940s, and it's a gorgeous home with great structure," she said, "it's got beautiful rooms, high ceilings, hardwood floors. But, it definitely needs some TLC."

Foisy will be documenting the renovation on-line as the family transforms their new home, room-by-room. No stranger to social media, Foisy has her own Youtube channel and is very active on platforms like Pinterest, Instagram, and Facebook (which is where she'll be sharing the majority of her renovation project photos and stories, in an album called My Renovated Life).

"We're new to the community," remarked Foisy, "but this house has been here for 75-years. I hope to find out what it's looked like over the years and some of its history. There's so much character here; it's just amazing."

Debs Greenhouse is scheduled to fully open next April. For more information on upcoming Fall classes, Foisy recommends frequenting the greenhouse website (www.debsgreenhouse.com) and signing up for her e-newsletter.

Above: Deb Foisy says she plans to launch Fall Classes in the near future and will officially open the business this Spring, selling flowers, hanging baskets and planters, succulents, transplant vegetables, and possibly some limited shrubs and trees. Pictured here, Foisy shows off an example of one type of class she plans to host, making hanging succulent boxes.

Above left: The Foisy family will be renovating the 75-year-old farmhouse that sits on the same property as their new greenhouse. "There's so much character here; it's just amazing," said Deb Foisy, who plans to document the transformation on-line.

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MCHS hiking trip remembers dedicated and loved volunteer

by Stephen Dafeo
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The Fred Scharmann Memorial Hiking Trip departs from Morinville Community High School (MCHS) Sept. 21. It is the fourth annual outing to the mountains in memory of a Morinville business owner remembered as an avid outdoorsman and community volunteer. About 21 MCHS students will take part in the three-day trip, returning Sept. 24.

Greg Boutestein, an MCHS teacher, and friend of the late Fred Scharmann said the trip had been at the school for many years but had not been as consistent as the annual school bike trip through Jasper National Park, which Scharmann was a dedicated volunteer participant in for about 16 years. The hiking trip was revitalized four years ago in Scharman's honour and has been popular since.

Boutestein said this year students and chaperones would be staying at the Whiskey Jack Hostel in Yoho National Park, which he said is just across the border in BC as the crow flies.

"We're hoping to get some good days of hiking in," Boutestein said, noting the quality and duration of hiking runs is dependent on weather. "In the past, I think the most we've done in a single day is up to 30 k[ilometres], depending on the strength of the group. But on average we'll do 20 km in a day. You've got to gauge the groups, and we try to give ourselves options."

Boutestein said one trail students would face offers a couple of options on a looped path where more experienced hikers can do a longer route, meeting up later with those who take the shorter leg.

"It's called the Iceline up in Yoho Valley, and there are a couple of options where the kids can break. There are two supervisors, so if one group isn't as strong, a supervisor can go with the smaller group," Boutestein said. "The first day could have as much as 26 km of hiking. "If the weather is cooperative, there is about 20 km on the second day. Both of the hikes we are doing are not traditional - walk straight up and straight down. The one hike we're doing is a loop, so you never hit the same trail

during the day. It's new terrain the whole day through. The second day we walk right out of the hostel (there's a trail head right there) and go right out over the mountain and come out at Emerald Lake, which is 20 km away."

Strong numbers this year

Boutestein said the fall trip has been so popular with students; it fills by June. There is already a waiting list of five students hoping a spot opens up.

Boutestein said the majority of the students taking the hiking trip are female. This year's hike has 17 girls and about four boys taking the trip. Students range from Grade 10 to 12.

"It's very popular," Boutestein said of the hike, adding he believes the popularity is an opportunity to experience the mountains and engage in a physical activity most can do. I think there are just kids that want to go out and see the mountains and I know the bike trip we've had issues with numbers the past few years. We look at the numbers on the hiking trip - and I think part of it is you don't need a bike. All you need is a good pair of shoes and a backpack. Pretty much anyone can hike. To start hiking, it is not something you need to invest a lot of money in."

The MCHS teacher feels the trip is one from which students take away a lot. Not only are they building memories that will last well beyond their high school years, but they are also taking an opportunity to challenge themselves.

"I think there's misconception out there that you have to be an athlete to be a hiker," Boutestein said. "I tell the kids, 'Have you seen me? I am no athlete. I am certainly no athlete.' For hiking, there has to be a lot of mental fortitude as well. You're climbing up those switchbacks, and there's no end in sight. Your mind starts to play tricks on you. You have to be strong, not just physically but mentally as well. When these kids achieve that and stand on top of the pass, they all in some way or form conquer their own mountain out there."

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From left: Staff member Robyn Fedoriuk, Physiotherapist Andrea Eberhardt, and Physiotherapist Lori Shupak pose on some of Morinville Physical Therapy's equipment. The company celebrates two years in business this month.

Morinville Physical Therapy giving back to the community

by Stephen Dafoe
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For their first anniversary last year Morinville Physical Therapy held two appreciation barbecues during the month of September. This year there will be no hot dogs or burgers feeding patients and passersby. Instead, the local business has decided to support the Morinville Food Bank Society, who they learned in a Morinville News article were having a tough summer keeping the shelves stocked.

"We thought that there was definitely people that could use it more than us, and so we thought that we'd put that budget that we used last year towards donating to the Food Bank, and encouraging our patients to also bring in items," said co-owner Andrea Eberhardt.

The collection of food will run through the month of September, and Eberhardt and business partner Lori Shupak are hoping to have similar success to the food drive they ran at Easter.

"We did the Easter drive as well, and our patients were really generous then," Eberhardt said. "So we're hoping to gather a lot this time, too."

Two years into the business, the owners of Morinville Physical Therapy are thankful for the support they have received from Morinville and surrounding area and for the amount of referrals their patients send their way.

"We find that is our biggest referral source — word of mouth, and just general talk around town and the surrounding community as well," Eberhardt said. "People have been really supportive, and that's great."

Although the company is offering the same services as when they began two years ago, the owners point out that the entire clinic is now IMS Certified.

"IMS stands for Intermuscular Stimulation," said Shupak. "It's a needling technique where the needles are inserted into really tight muscles,

and it creates a reflexive action in our bodies to get the muscles to relax. It's a very deep tissue treatment that is quite profound in the results it gets. We use it to treat anyone with really tight muscles, mostly in neck, shoulders, backs, glutes. It's really effective."

Shupak has been working with the technique for years, while Eberhardt has been more recently certified. Eberhardt adds it is an effective system for chronic pain.

The owners find that patients are sometimes surprised that a small town clinic offers the variety of services and skills Morinville Physical Therapy provide, a misconception that is common to many rural businesses in the province, particularly those in the healthcare fields.

Eberhardt and Shupak have many years experience between them and continue to take ongoing training. "It's really neat to hear someone from the public recognize and acknowledge that," Shupak said of the many compliments they receive from patients.

But beyond the skills brought to the treatment table, both Shupak and Eberhardt like to keep the mood light and jovial.

"People have a really good time in here," Shupak said. "Ultimately, people come to see us because they are in pain or unhappy with some aspect of their life in terms of function. So we try to keep the environment in here really light and try to make their treatment about fun and feeling better. If we can take their mind off their pain or their problems, even for a short moment, we've helped them. We do find that we try to have a lighthearted, fun, laid-back approach to treatment where the patient and the therapist are on a level playing field, as opposed to a hierarchy between medical professional and patient."

For more information on Morinville Physical Therapy, visit their website at morinvillephysio.com.



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Homemade Vegetarian Noodles To-Go

- 2 ½ oz rice noodles, such as vermicelli - 80 g
- 2/3 cup cubed extra-firm tofu - 150 mL
- 1/2 cup coarsely grated carrot - 125 mL
- 1/2 cup shredded red cabbage - 125 mL
- 4 tsp honey - 20 mL
- 4 tsp miso paste - 20 mL
- 4 tsp reduced sodium soy sauce - 20 mL
- 4 tsp rice vinegar - 20 mL
- 2 tsp sesame oil - 10 mL
- 1/4 tsp hot pepper flakes - 1 mL
- 2 green onions, finely sliced
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped cilantro - 125 mL
- 2 tbsp peanuts 30 mL

DIRECTIONS

1/ Bring water to a boil in a medium saucepan and cook rice noodles about 3 min., or until just tender. Pour noodles into a colander and rinse thoroughly with cold water. Divide noodles into two 2-cup (500 mL) heatproof containers, such as wide-mouth glass canning jars.

2/ Place tofu, carrot and cabbage on top of noodles in containers. Whisk together honey, miso, soy sauce, rice vinegar, sesame oil and hot pepper flakes in small bowl. Pour half the sauce over vegetables in each container. Divide green onion, cilantro and peanuts into containers. Seal and refrigerate up to 2 days.

3/ When ready to eat, pour boiling water into container, leaving 1 in. (2.5 cm) room at top. Cover loosely and let sit 5 min. Stir well before eating.

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Library receives funding to stay open Mondays for the rest of the year

by Tristan Turner
Morinville News Correspondent

Following a motion made by Councillor Stephen Dafoe, the Morinville Library will be open seven days a week. The motion passed 4-3, with Councillors Boutestein and Putnam, as well as Mayor Holmes voting against. The proposal will cost just under \$8,600.

The motion came following a reduction in the libraries proposed budget by Council that cut Monday opening from the libraries hours during last year's budgeting process. Councillor Dafoe previously raised a motion afterward to reopen the library during the summer reallocating some money back to the library.

Dafoe's argument to provide additional funding was based on information the town was below budget in some areas.

Councillor Barry Turner joked, "I'd like it open eight days a week," and offered his full support to increase library hours.

Deputy Mayor Brennan Fitzgerald supported the motion but thought that the library should be allocated enough money in the budget to stay open year round. "I believe the library needs stability when it comes to budgeting," he said. "I think it's embarrassing that we're playing this game where we made a decision to not give them the increase they were looking for, and now we are coming back and giving them more money. Frankly, I think it makes us look silly."

Morinville's Library Manager Isabelle Cramp was happy with the announcement, thanking Council for the change. "Being able to reopen the library on Mondays is absolutely terrific," she said. "We are grateful that Council were able to provide additional funding so the hours of operation could once again include Mondays until the end of the year. We had received so many comments from the public asking for the library to be accessible every day of the week. On behalf of the library users, patrons, Library Board, library staff, and volunteers, I would like to thank Town Council for their support."

According to data reported from the library, 942 visitors came to the library on Mondays over the summer.

The dissenting voters on Council all agreed that they voted against the motion because they did not support ad hoc budgeting by giving funds to the library that were previously cut in small doses throughout the year, with Mayor Holmes saying it could "set a precedent for other groups" such as the Festival Society.



Sobeys drops prices

Friday morning was the launch of 1000s of everyday prices dropped at Morinville Sobeys. The prices are dropped in grocery, dairy and frozen.

Speaking at the launch on Friday was Scott Chollak, Vice-President of Operations for Sobeys and Kevin Alberton, Director of Operations.

The - We've dropped 1000s of everyday prices-This is Not a Sale, This is Our Commitment - price drop flyer is also available in the store said Store Manager Wendy Skjersven.

Sobeys had a dedicated team working day and night the last few weeks to get ready for the biggest launch in Sobeys history.

This is not a sale but the new everyday low price and commitment to the customers said Skjersven.

Pictured Scott Chollak, VP Retail Operations for Sobeys, Shaun Thompson and Susie Thompson, Owner Operators Morinville Sobeys, Wendy Skjersven Store Manager and Kevin Alberton, Director Operations and some of the staff at the launch and announcements.

The launch Friday also took place at all Sobeys stores in Western Canada.

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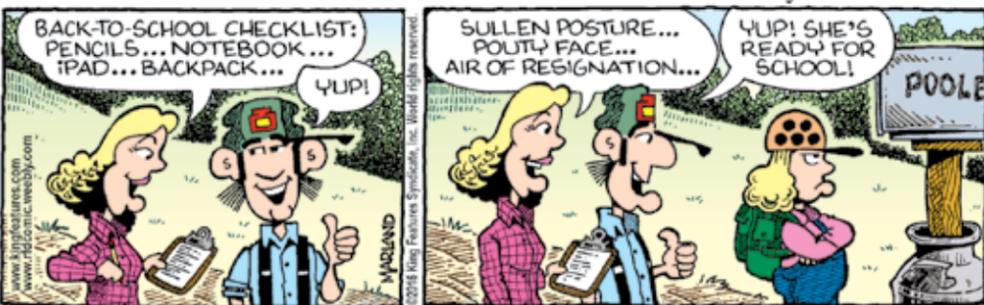
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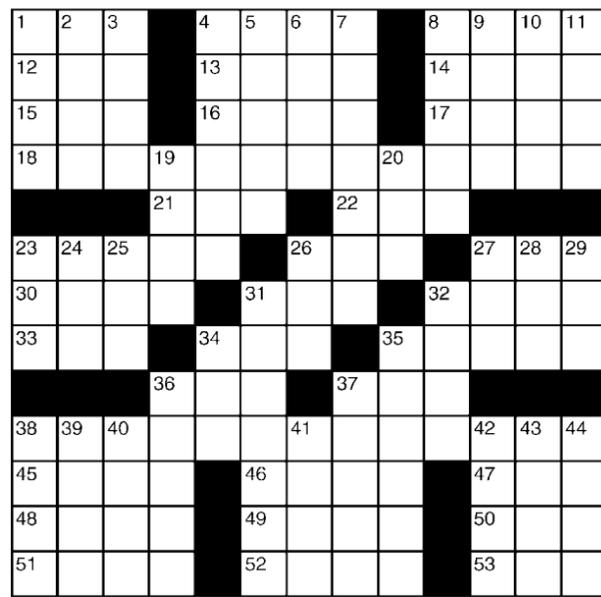
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- 17 Leak slowly
- 18 Couch potato's gizmo
- 21 Supporting
- 22 Feedbag morsel
- 23 Bad lighting?
- 26 Firmament
- 27 Explanation
- 30 At the home of
- 31 Feathery accessory
- 32 Oliver Twist's request
- 33 Heavy weight
- 34 Saute
- 35 River barrier
- 36 "No seats" sign
- 37 Stewie, to Lois
- 38 Reunion invitee, maybe
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- 46 Go fast
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- 48 Slay
- 49 Sea eagle



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- 20 Aye undoer
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- 26 Sauce source
- 27 Carpool-lane abbr.
- 28 Raw rock
- 29 Teensy
- 31 Faux-suntan cosmetic

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- 35 Appeared ominously
- 36 Dictator's aide
- 37 Teatime treat
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- 40 Fit of peevishness
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- 42 Out of harm's way
- 43 Thing
- 44 Information

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- 7 Rocket launcher
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- 9 Hammer

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Backs onto Green Space
\$379,900
MLS# E4024353

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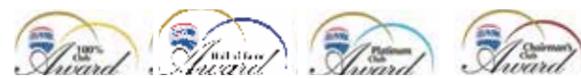


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Zukowski is Aspen House's Tomato King

by Lucie Roy
Morinville News Correspondent



The Tomato King at Aspen House is Joseph Zukowski. Zukowski has four tomato plants he grew from seed, and each plant has more than 25 large tomatoes on it. With more than 100 tomatoes and some just beginning to turn red, Zukowski said they must be a later tomato.

With the Oxheart type, he had red tomatoes in July. He prefers the Oxheart tomato seeds but said they are hard to find.

Although to some a tomato is just a tomato, such is not the case for Zukowski.

"I take a pride in growing tomatoes," Zukowski said. "The Oxheart was the best tomato I ever grew. I have pictures of some at 2 1/2 pounds. [The] rest were two pounds."

He said they have the best taste, have a very light skin, and hardly any core to them.

He has been at Aspen almost a year and likes to keep busy and spends much time in the courtyard watering the trees, and caring for his tomatoes and carrots.

Zukowski said he likes to grow stuff, and tomatoes keep him busy and keep his mind at work.

Being resourceful, the project started with some seed, a few old buckets, dirt and rain water. He used a bungee cord and an old rake to keep the plants upright.

His secret is water. Then when the plant gets the third leaf, he adds a little bit of 10-52-10 fertilizer for the roots. It is a natural fertilizer, but he does not add much, he says.

Next year he hopes to grow the true Oxheart tomato. He is waiting for a fellow to bring him an Oxheart tomato and he will save the seeds and plant them.



Around TOWN

Left: A squirrel does his best to evade our photographer in St. Jean Baptiste Park last Wednesday as he (the squirrel) was gathering pine cones for the coming winter. The photographer has not yet begun collecting pine cones.

- Stephen Dafoe Photo



Above: On Tuesday morning members of the Morinville Festival Society were presented with a \$750 donation cheque from Synergy Aviation Ltd. Synergy Aviation Ltd. Administration member Lisa Urie, Mayor Lisa Holmes, pilot Justin Cruse were on hand to present the cheque to Korien Sampson, President of the Society and Vice-President Julie Booth.

The aviation company provided helicopter rides at the St. Jean Baptiste Festival and provided more than 100 rides for more than 300 participants. Cruse said the oldest was an 86-year-old woman who had it on her bucket list.

- Lucie Roy Photo

Builders for a day

Right: On Aug. 29 Morinville Public School teachers and staff participated in a team building workshop. The teams were provided with a precut wooden kit with no diagram and no access to Google or other devices for ideas on the build. All the pieces of wood had to be utilized in the build. The houses will be auctioned off with the money being used in the community.

- Lucie Roy Photo

