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Thorhild Library hosts a holiday ladies' night



Caylan, Trina and Jennifer enjoy a holiday project workshop.

By Brandie Majeau

Thorhild Library embraced the festive spirit by organizing a Ladies' Night Christmas crafting event. Project kits were provided by H2H Designs, offering a range of wooden ornaments, signs, Christmas countdowns, themed tiered tray décor, and more.

The evening provided an opportunity for women to connect, fostering relationships while engaging in an activity that amplifies the joy and excitement of the season.

Tables were adorned with wooden pieces, bottles of paint, ribbons, string, glue, and various crafting tools necessary to bring these cheerful pieces

to life. Lackluster shapes were gradually transformed into a variety of uniquely colorful creations, each as distinct as the crafters themselves. The library buzzed with concentration and camaraderie. The cozy atmosphere set the perfect stage for a wintry ladies' night in. One participant mentioned that her project

was chosen to be completed and then given as a Christmas gift; hers was the only one. The consensus around the tables was that these projects were a gift to themselves. Thorhild Library provided a much-needed break for this group of women, with one participant simply stating, "It's a me day!"

CBC News visits Newbrook

By Brandie Majeau

Newbrook Public Library was thrilled to welcome additional guests for their annual Christmas Tea. Tables were laden with a feast, offering a variety of delicious morsels, sandwiches, dips, charcuterie platters, shrimp, and more. The desserts were displayed in a delectable tower that made mouths water. This event, a holiday favorite since 2016, received a special boost this year with the presence of the CBC News team.

invitation to Northern libraries in the hopes of exploring the hubs of small communities throughout Northern Alberta. Newbrook Library seized the opportunity and invited them to join their Christmas celebration. With the invitation accepted, CBC covered the costs for local entertainment and catering for the festive event and enthusiastically made the journey from the newsroom to the small town of Newbrook. The CBC team arrived full of

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Olivia, Hannah and Jessica from CBC News visit with Newbrook Christmas Tea guests and hand out CBC swag.

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"Festival of Trees winners contribute donation in their name"



Representatives of winning Festival of Trees organizations accept certificates from the Town of Redwater and mayor, Redwater Food Bank receives a monetary donation in the name of the winning trees.

By Brandie Majeau

The Festival of Trees, inaugurated in 2014, has become a vital component of Redwater's Kris Kringle Mingle and holiday festivities during the festive weekend. In its inaugural year, twenty-six trees were registered for the friendly competition, a tradition that consistently draws at least twenty trees annually. Various groups and organizations vie not only for bragging rights but also for the honour of receiving hand-presented certificates recognizing their

achievement in the Festival of Trees. Every winning tree results in a \$50 donation to the Redwater Food Bank on behalf of the winning organization. Town of Redwater Mayor, David McRae, personally handed out certificates to representatives of the winning organizations, expressing gratitude for their participation and acknowledging the considerable effort involved, stating, "It is so appreciated!" McRae further expressed pride in the collective effort of individuals rallying for a common cause, making these

events immensely successful. The true beneficiaries, he emphasized, are the children and visitors who delight in the uniquely decorated trees, carefully studying each one and casting votes for their favorites. Susan Krochter, chairperson of the Redwater Food Bank, graciously accepted the donation on behalf of the food bank. She also conveyed her appreciation for the Town of Redwater team that tirelessly promoted donations to the food bank during the holiday season. Over the two-day period

encompassing the Kris Kringle Mingle, market, and activities, a total of 950 pounds of food and \$1000 in cash donations were collected. Krochter expressed astonishment at the unprecedented generosity, noting that the food donation shopping cart had to be emptied 10 times. She explained that typically, they empty it a couple of times over the two-day weekend, but never ten times. With grocery prices causing strain on families, each dollar and every donated item contributes significantly to making a positive impact.

MOUNTIE MINUTE

Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment

- Reports of Frauds, Assaults were investigated this week
- RCMP responded and assisted with numerous Mental Health calls
- Report of a Break and Enter near RR 132 and TWP 615
- Report of Theft of a truck from a rural property near RR 165
- Report of a suspicious person trying vehicle door handles in the Village of Waskatenau, members were able to locate a suspect, arrested and charges pending
- Members also responded to numerous calls including false alarms, Suspicious Person, and Threats
- Reports of Frauds have increased during this time, be mindful when providing your personal information
- Numerous vehicle collision reported, it's that time of year be cautious with road conditions due to weather change
- If you see any suspicious vehicle which not normally in your area call the RCMP to report

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Cherniwchan, Johnny

It is with tremendous sadness the family of William John (Johnny) Cherniwchan of Bellis, AB announce his passing on December 11, 2023 at the age



maternal grandparents John and Elizabeth Bidniak, one brother-in-law Frank Fields.

John was born in Vilna, AB on October 21, 1949. After graduating high school, John

of 74 years. John is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Nancy, four sons Kevin (Tracy) Cherniwchan and their children Courtney (Evan), Derek, and Jake; Sheldon (Karen) Cherniwchan and their children Lauren, Maxim, and Tanner; Shawn (Donna) Cherniwchan and their children Justin, Nathan, and Kyle; Dean (Connie) Cherniwchan and their children Reed and Austin; and one daughter Leanna (Will) Gray and their children Isabella, Abbygail and Mason. He is also survived by his sister Betty Fields and his mother Cecelia Cherniwchan.

spent some time working in Edmonton, but moved back to the farm in 1974 where he and Nancy raised their family near Bellis, AB. John's connection to his rural roots was the core of who he was, and it is this connection that has and will continue to run through his legacy. John was a family man, but he was also known by many as a dear friend and neighbour. His hospitality and welcoming nature were known by many. Rest in Peace – Eternal Memory – Vichnaya Pamyat.

Cremation has taken place, and a private celebration of John's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to "Haying in the 30's" or a charity of one's choice.

He was predeceased by his father William (Bill) Cherniwchan, paternal grandparents John and Raifta Cherniwchan,

To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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Fort Saskatchewan RCMP warn public of 'Emergency Scam'

Fort Saskatchewan RCMP are advising the public that there has been an increase in the number of "Emergency Scams" reported to the Detachment this month. These scams are referred to as Emergency Scams, or sometimes "Grandparent" or "Grandchild" scams.

These scams often involve a phone call being placed to the victim claiming a loved one is in trouble with the courts or law enforcement and a payment is needed to help them. The suspects will often pretend to be a police officer, judge, or family member. Suspects will usually ask for cash, however

more recently they have been asking for payment by Bitcoin.

Fort Saskatchewan RCMP want to remind citizens of the following:

- Bail is always paid in person at a courthouse or correctional centre
- Never send money to anyone you don't know
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Council approves 2024 budget, sets municipal tax rate increase

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Sturgeon County to maintain one of the lowest residential tax rates in the province

Sturgeon County Council approved the 2024 budgets and set a 2.13 per cent municipal tax rate increase, which means a homeowner with a property valued at \$500,000 will pay \$41 more per tax year.

Council reduced the municipal tax rate increase from the 3.87 per cent increase proposed in October. This was achieved through thoughtful deliberations and higher-than-expected industrial assessment.

“Council is committed to keeping taxes low while delivering services that support a strong and thriving community. The 2024 budget reflects our dedication to giving residents and businesses the best value for their hard-earned tax dollars. It balances this with

investment in key infrastructure, which contributes to our continued growth and prosperity.”

Mayor Alanna Hnatiw

The \$135.7 million budget includes a \$49.5 million capital budget to fund roads, bridges, and drainage work, and a \$86.8 million operating budget to fund day-to-day services, like fire services, snow removal, utilities and community services.

A County homeowner with a property valued at \$500,000 will pay \$41, or \$3.41 per month, more in municipal taxes in 2024. A business owner with a business valued at \$1 million will pay \$229, or \$19.08 per month, more in municipal taxes.

Council is prioritizing utility rate affordability. Some elements related to utility rates are outside of the County’s control. Council continues to work through changes with utility providers to ensure residents receive fair and sustainable rates. The County is

committed to transparency and will keep the community informed as it navigates these challenges.

“I’m pleased to bring forward a budget that is innovative and responsive to community needs,” said Hnatiw. “Much like our residents and businesses, we keep an eye on our expenses throughout the year and look for the best value when delivering our programs and services.”

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View Sturgeon County’s 2024 operating

and capital budget and watch a recording of the budget deliberations at SturgeonCounty.ca/Budget.

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Thank You!

The family of Joe Kassian would like to thank everyone that has extended their support as we mourn the loss of our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Thank you to everyone that made donations in Joe’s memory, sent cards and flowers, extended messages and phone calls and attended Joe’s funeral. Your comforting words and actions have meant so much to us.

Thank you to Fr. Mark Sych and Fr. Slavko Dumeck for the lovely service and your spiritual guidance.

Thank you to John Lukey, V & Z Catering and the Westlock Funeral Home for all that you have done for us. We are most grateful.

Sincerely,

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January Meetings and Important Dates

Meeting schedule is subject to change. Members of the public are welcome to observe or listen in. For teleconference details and links to the livestream, click on the meetings notice in the following locations:

Council Meetings: SturgeonCounty.ca/CouncilMeetings

Board and Committee Meetings: SturgeonCounty.ca/Boards

Public Hearings: SturgeonCounty.ca/PublicNotices

Holiday Closure	Jan. 1	Closed
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Jan. 9	2:00 PM
Calahoo Villeneuve Sand & Gravel Advisory Committee	Jan. 15	9:00 AM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Jan. 16	9:00 AM
Agricultural Service Board	Jan. 17	9:00 AM
Governance and Council Services Committee	Jan. 18	1:30 PM
Winterfest	Jan. 19	3:00 PM
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Jan. 23	2:00 PM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Jan. 30	9:00 AM

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Online: www.sturgeoncounty.ca/farmfamily

For more information, or assistance with submitting an application, please visit:

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The deadline for application submissions is Fri day, March 22, 2024.

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Fully renovated bungalow with large double detached garage! Over 1150 SQFT with 3 bedrooms up and 2 more down. This home is move in ready with tons of just finished upgrades including shingles on both the house and garage, front and back doors, windows on the main floor, vinyl plank flooring throughout the whole house, full kitchen reno including-cabinets, sink and appliances, both bathrooms, baseboards, paint and the list goes on... The basement has a rec room, utility room, storage room and the 2 additional bedrooms. Back alley access and a huge yard completes this beautiful home.

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60217 HWY 63 THORHILD COUNTY



Beautiful bungalow sitting on 11.89 acres! This home is over 1320 SQFT with main floor laundry, updated kitchen consisting of granite countertops, newer cabinets and appliances. Large dining area and living room with wood burning fireplace, 3 bedrooms on the main level including primary with 2 piece ensuite. Main 4 piece bathroom and loads of closet space on this level. Newer flooring and windows throughout the whole main floor. In the basement you will find a large rec room with bar area, 3 piece bathroom, 2 additional bedrooms, tons of storage and utility room with newer HE furnace. Outside is a mature yard with amazing landscaping and a huge garden area. New west facing pressure treated front deck and east facing rear patio with HOT TUB. Massive double garage with 2 new 9ft doors and new openers, 40ft sea can comes with property for extra storage. Located 45 minutes from the Anthony Henday and on the way to Fort McMurray

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2063SQFT above grade with another 1541SQFT in a fully developed walk out basement. The main floor is A frame styling with a loft overlooking the living room and backyard. Large mud room with loads of built in features, bedroom with 3pc bath off back hall, large kitchen with loads of counter and prep space, formal dining room with doors to deck and a huge breakfast area with another door to rear deck. Living room has doors to the front deck to enjoy those early mornings. To complete this level is the huge primary bedroom with walk in closet and full en-suite. The walkout basement has huge above ground windows with two sets of bedrooms with Jack and Jill 4pc washrooms between them and walk-in closets, allowing the center of the lower level to have a large family room with direct access to the back yard. Large double attached garage with mezzanine. The backyard has two storage sheds and a firepit area along with some fruit trees. Recent upgrades include new roof July 2023 & boiler system reconditioned Dec 2022

#40 WATERDALE PARK HWY 38 STURGEON COUNTY



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We will continue to deliver public interest materials to all addresses. This includes community newspapers (and community newspapers with inserts of a public interest nature). It also includes mailings from elected

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Consumers' Choice Acknowledgement Notice (33-086-558) will be updated to reflect this change.

If you do not receive the Review in your mailbox starting January, please see the paper online at www.theredwaterreview.com.

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energy and excitement, eager to engage in discussions with locals, business owners, and community leaders. The goal of this project, devised by CBC News, was to connect through candid conversations and learn more about our province.

This was an opportunity for people to share their stories, talk about "What's Happening?" in these rural areas, and discuss "What should we come back for?" CBC engaged individuals, encouraging them to open up about their lives, struggles, and concerns for rural Alberta. Participants were offered a chance to take part in First Person Stories workshops, highlighting their individual experiences and perspectives. The additional

guests were well-received, and visitors enjoyed the performance of local entertainer Tiffany Dowhan, who entertained for over an hour.

Paul Moore, CBC Executive Producer Current Affairs, expressed satisfaction with the event, marking the second stop in their northern Alberta tour after visiting Slave Lake. Moore reflected on the sincere conversations and the opportunity to build bridges, stating it was a "cool opportunity to interact and awesome to hear what people are talking about. This is great to take back to our newsroom." Moore also appreciated the library hosting them and acknowledged its value to the community. He remarked on positive conversations and

differing perspectives, something they sought when embarking on this tour. CBC Communications Manager, Jessica Chan, also mentioned the prospect for CBC News to discover different local events and activities around the province that they may feature in the future.

A representative from The Alberta Library (TAL) also attended the occasion, engaging both young and old with the promotion of the Happiness Project projector. This projector uses lights not only to project but also to track movement, allowing for displays and activities. Originally developed for care homes, the Happiness Project encourages intergenerational activities accessible to all levels of ability.

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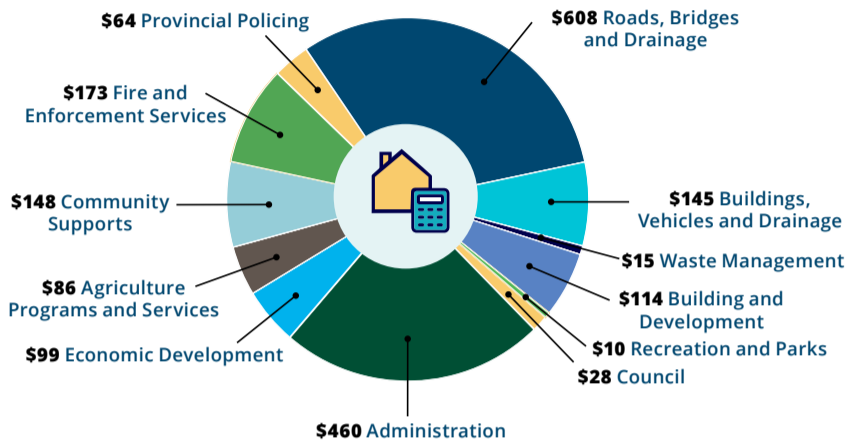


Budget 2024 Building Vital Connections

Where Your Taxes Go

Based on a \$500,000 residential home with municipal property taxes of \$1,950

If a typical home is assessed at \$500,000, the average municipal property tax bill would be about \$1,950 in 2024. Here is a breakdown of where that money goes.



How the Budget Impacts You

Proposed municipal tax rate increase
2.13%



Homeowners
\$41

more in municipal taxes

A homeowner with a \$500,000 home will pay \$41 more in municipal taxes in 2024.

This amount doesn't include taxes the County needs to collect on behalf of the province, which are determined in the spring.



Business owners
\$229

more in municipal taxes

The owner of a business valued at \$1 million will pay \$229 more in municipal taxes in 2024.

Council is prioritizing utility rate affordability



The average utility customer will
save \$200 per year
for water and wastewater services

Key Investments for 2024



Capital Budget
\$48.9 million



Total 2024 budget
\$135.7 million



Operating Budget
\$86.8 million

- ✓ \$1.8+ million to **build, maintain and grow our parks, trails, and natural green spaces.**
- ✓ \$3.1 million to **improve utility infrastructure**, including \$1.6 million for water and \$1.5 million for wastewater services.
- ✓ \$41,000 for **enhanced cyber security insurance** to mitigate financial impacts of an incident.
- ✓ \$1.8 million to **construct a roundabout** at Sturgeon Road and Range Road 250.
- ✓ \$45,000 for a **communications audit**, to ensure we communicate effectively with residents.
- ✓ \$1.6 million for 14.3 **full-time positions** to help the County serve residents better. Positions include a social worker, development compliance officer, animal control officer and full-time firefighters.
- ✓ \$4 million to **reduce debt**, which results in significant savings by not having to pay interest.
- ✓ \$500,000 **into reserves** to fund snow removal, gravel road improvements and potential equipment needs.
- ✓ \$1.5 million is allocated toward capital investments for **major initiatives in the Sturgeon County portion of Alberta's Industrial Heartland** to support and attract long-term growth. These investments support a stronger tax base for the community, competitive tax rates and long-term financial sustainability.

Comments?

Feedback from residents and businesses is an important part of the Budget process.

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SCHOOL NEWS

H.A. Kostash School news



Grade 7 students from H.A. Kostash in Smoky Lake took pleasure in creating cards for the "Santa for Seniors" initiative.



Thorhild Central School news



Thorhild Central School students reveled in a plethora of entertaining activities and games during the winter festival. The festivities brought together the student body for a day filled with joy, camaraderie, and spirited competition. From exciting games to festive challenges, the winter festival provided an opportunity for students to unwind, showcase their talents, and create lasting memories. Laughter echoed through the school grounds as students participated in a variety of winter-themed events, fostering a sense of community and school spirit. The winter festival at Thorhild Central School truly encapsulated the essence of celebration and shared enjoyment among the students.

Holy Family Catholic School news

Waskatenau Holy Family Catholic School junior high students participated in the Skills Exploration Event recently. Over the past week, they worked diligently to acquire a variety of skills and design their challenge prototype for water sustainability. The students put in a tremendous effort, thoroughly enjoying the process of putting their design together. A special thank you goes out to our dedicated parent volunteers who spent the day with them!



Pickleball expanding in the new year

By Brandie Majeau

In anticipation of the holiday feasts that so many are gearing up to enjoy, talks of stretchy pants may be a consideration in addition to the menu. However, a group of avid pickleball players are already donning sweats and leggings as they maintain fun and fitness at Redwater's Pembina Place for weekly pickleball matches.

This unique sport is played in an area similar to a badminton court and combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. The ease of play

and simplicity to learn creates a great game for all levels of fitness and ability. Currently offered Mondays and Wednesdays, the sessions generally attract at least a dozen players. Participants engage in high energy motions but have the opportunity for frequent breaks or to swap out with other players. The program provides all equipment except personal gym shoes and has attracted many players from surrounding areas.

Due to the high demand and amazing response, pickleball at Pembina Place is anticipating the new

year with discussions on how to expand the program to reach a wider range of players. The sessions will remain with purchases of passes or drop-in rates but is likely to be offered for morning or evening sessions and on various days of the week allowing more flexibility and accessibility for individuals wishing to participate but unable to fit or blend the current pickleball schedule with their own.

"This is fantastic!" explained one player when discussing the amount of people that come down for

the challenge and enjoyment while another stated how great it is to play a variety of people. Pickleball encourages anyone to drop in and learn as a

new game or skilled players to stop in and challenge a new opponent. Whatever the motivation, there is always room for one more player on the

court. Perhaps the upcoming thoughts of new years' resolutions may place pickleball sessions on the list of becoming more active.



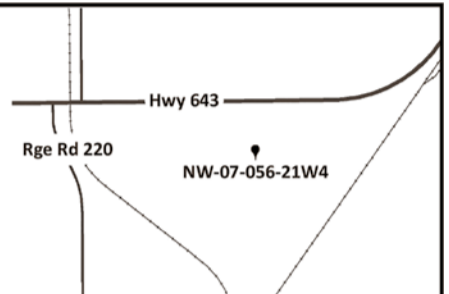
Pickleball players during the Wednesday morning session are a good sport on the courts (and for allowing their photos to be taken for the newspaper)

PUBLIC NOTICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER

Wolf Carbon Solutions Inc. in accordance with obligations under the Radiocommunications Act and Industry Canada procedure CPC-2-0-03, hereby notifies residents of its intention to develop a 190' lattice, free-standing, telecommunication tower at the following location:

14-07-056-21W4

- Latitude = N53.830971°
- Longitude = W113.115488°



The lattice tower will have low visual impact, blending in with the surrounding heavy industrial area, and will support multiple antennas/appendages which may extend over the tower up to 199'. Co-location is not possible due to the location and site requirements. The location is fenced with no public access.

Transport Canada regulatory requirements are met and approved with no tower lights or markings required. Installation will respect good engineering practices including structural adequacy and comply with Health Canada's Safety Code 6 requirements.

Safety Code 6 Attestation: Wolf Carbon Solutions Inc. attest that the radio installation described in this notification package will be installed and operated on an ongoing basis to comply with Health Canada's Safety Code 6 requirements.

Please Take Notice that the approval of telecommunications facilities and their design are under exclusive jurisdiction of the Government of Canada through Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) previously known as Industry Canada.

ANY PERSON may make a written submission to the individuals listed below on or before **Jan. 21st, 2024**, with respect to this matter.

Wolf Contact:

Bruce Koss
6227 15 Sunpark Way SE
Calgary, AB, T2X 0M5
Telephone: (403) 358-8452

Sturgeon County Contact:

Sturgeon County
Attention: Planning & Development
9613 100 Street, Morinville, AB, T8R 1L9
Telephone: (780) 939-8275

PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1638/23 Road Closure Bylaw 1638/23

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1638/23.

Cando Rail & Terminals has requested a partial closure of Range Road 222 to facilitate the expansion of the business. The closure is between Township Road 555 and Township Road 560. As a result of the proposed road closure, Cando proposes to develop a bypass around its site.

A road closure bylaw is needed to close a portion of the road and a public hearing must be held. The bylaw and all feedback received during the public hearing will be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors for review and approval before Council considers approval of the road closure.

Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on: **Tuesday, January 16 at 1:00 p.m.** (or as soon as practical thereafter) Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville)
You can view the hearing online at sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings



Questions? Contact us!

Mark Morrissey
Economic Innovation and Growth
780-939-0625
mmorrissey@sturgeoncounty.ca

Important information about Public Hearings

Requirements for speakers

All speakers have five minutes to speak and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission before the Public Hearing.

Speaking in person

To speak at the Public Hearing in person, contact Legislative Services at 780-939-8277 or 780-939-1377 to pre-register.

Speaking via videoconference

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you must register by January 15 at 1:00 p.m. by contacting Legislative Services at 780-939-8277 or 780-939-1377. This ensures you receive instructions to access the videoconference.

Written submissions

Email your written submission to Legislative Services at legislativeservices@sturgeoncounty.ca. Written submissions are accepted up to the close of the Public Hearing.

If making a written submission, you must include your name, state your interest in the matter (such as a County resident directly impacted by the proposed bylaw), and indicate if you are in favour of or opposed to the proposed bylaw.

Watching the Public Hearing

You can view the Public Hearing in person or online at sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings. To view the livestream, click on the meeting date on the calendar, then click on the video link.



Christmas Stories



Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

I like to open presents on Christmas.

Megan Poss, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

I like to make hot chocolate with mom and open presents.

Tucker Fabish, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

At Christmas I like to drink hot chocolate and open presents and bake gingerbread men.

Ashton Corlett, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

At Christmas I look forward to Santa and opening presents.

Maisy Kidd, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

I like to open presents after supper.

Levi McLean, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

I like hot chocolate at Christmas.

Aliza Beach, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

At Christmas I spend time with my family and make snowballs.

Jaxon Brodoway, Grade 1,

Thorhild Central School

At Christmas time I like to spend time with family and open presents.

Jagger Bruchal, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

I like seeing penguins at the zoo and watching Christmas movies.

Mia Mueller, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

At Christmas I like to open presents after breakfast.

Addison Harper, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

I like to drink hot chocolate.

Koen Penney, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

At Christmas I watch movies.

James Ryll, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

At Christmas I make a snow fort and bake cookies.

Kayden Crosswell, Grade 1,

Thorhild Central School

At Christmas I like to open presents in the morning. I also like to listen to Christmas music.

Annalee Hawrelko, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

I like to play hockey because I like sports at Christmas time.

Charlie Skowronski, Grade 1, Thorhild Central School

Grade Four - H. A. Kostash School- December 2023

I love Christmas because I have fun with friends. When my Grandma and Grandpa or Papa and Nana and Uncle Matt come

over, we spend time together. I love eating hot cross buns! I love to think of what to do next when we are all together. I love Christmas!

Nathan Bromley, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

One thing I like about Christmas is spending time with my family. We play board games and have fun. On Christmas it does not matter about the gifts, but I am thankful for my family.

Chase Zukowski, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

My favorite Christmas was last year. We did all of the stuff we always do, and we did something else for the first time; it was picking things from under red solo

cups. I loved it because I got to spend about eleven hours with my cousins and grandparents!

Novak Potts, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

The best thing my family and I do every year is decorate our Christmas tree! It is lots of fun to decorate together, because you get to spend time with family.

C. J. De Jager, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

I Love Christmas! Every year my family and I get matching PJs and a book! We decorate the yard and then we decorate our Christmas tree, and then we all go sledding! After that, we

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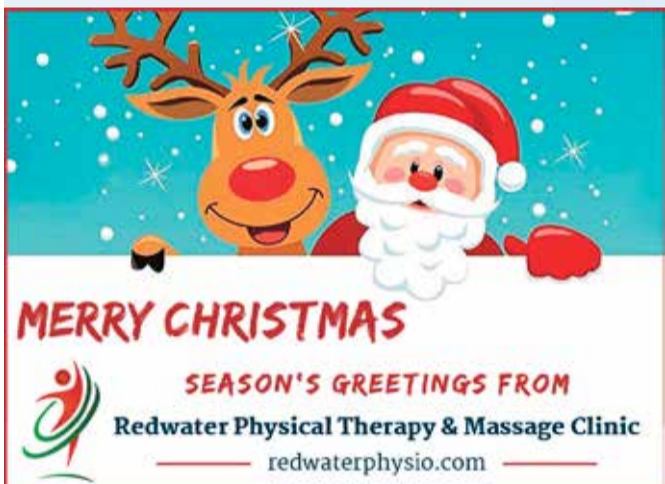
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sit around the fire and drink hot chocolate and it is so so much fun! At night I cannot sleep because I am so excited for Christmas!

Katy Hardy, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

The best Christmas memories are about seeing friends and family. I love Christmas because that is when Baby Jesus was born. Christmas means a lot to me because Baby Jesus made it a great holiday!

Bret Romaniuk, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

The reason I love Christmas is because on Christmas Eve, I get to eat lobster, crab, shrimp, oysters and melted butter on the side! After we have supper, my Dad goes to the backroom and grabs our Christmas Eve boxes and we open them.

Duke Veno, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

Every year, my family and I always get a Christmas tree. It is really special to me because we get to do it together. Every Christmas we always have matching

PJs! The true meaning of Christmas is celebrating God's gift! Spending time with family and friends on Christmas Day is wonderful!

Etta Ikert, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

My favorite part about Christmas is that on Christmas morning we get to unwrap our presents from Santa and family. I also like to decorate the Christmas tree as a family altogether. The day after is my brother's birthday! We always make a joke that he ruined Christmas. Ha! A few days after Christmas we always go to my Grandma's house.

Lilly Feniak, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

At Christmas time, I make perohy with my Mom. Then my Mom and I make borscht soup too! It is so good! We have both Ukrainian and Polish traditions!

Olenna Berglund, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

Family Christmas

My family has traditions that we do once every two years. This year, I am going to my Bomie and Bopie's house for Christmas! The tradition we do is we draw each other's name and pick a present for the person you draw. I love Christmas!! It's my time to



have fun with the people I love!!

John Popel, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

The thing I like about Christmas is when my Mom makes good cookies for Christmas, and my family hangs out with each other! We also have a very fancy breakfast and a huge dinner for the family!

What Christmas means

Jonathon Jones, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

My Favorite Christmas tradition is when my entire family gets together and we do secret Santa. I also really like how we get to play with my cousins over Christmas! I'm thankful for Christmas because I spend time with family and friends. The gifts are fun, but not as important as family.

Owen Carrick, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

On Christmas we usually invite some of our good friends over and celebrate by cooking food!

We would make up money games like sticking money on the wall and blind folding each other. We would also have a gingerbread competition and the grown-ups would sometimes bake cookies and decorate them. We play hours of Christmas songs and then open presents together.

Arianna Habana, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

What Christmas means

to me is that Christmas is a very fun holiday. I'm sad because my favorite cousin cannot come and celebrate at my house, but I wake up early so I can be grateful to have presents. It's not about the presents. Fun fact - Baby Jesus was born!

Maxim Kaminsky, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

One Christmas tradition we do is we wake up early, and wait for the whole family to wake up. Then we open presents, then eat breakfast. We eat the perogies that my Grandma and my mom and I made for dinner on Christmas!

Aurora Bourgeois, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

My favorite Christmas memory is when my family and relatives spend time together. We make memories! We do secret Santa and it's the day Jesus was born.

Dom Lopez, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

My favorite thing about Christmas is spending time with my family and friends! The presents are cool, but not as important as my family is, so we have fun spending time

together.
Johnny Gargas, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

Christmas is so important because Baby Jesus was born that day and I am so excited because it is my FIRST Christmas in Canada!! There will be holidays from school and we will spend time with family.

Veer Partap-Rana, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

Christmas day traditions start first thing in the morning. We wake up and say "Merry Christmas," and then we open our stockings. We get to eat chocolate! Then we eat breakfast and open presents. We call Gramma and Grandpa to say Merry Christmas! Later we have a gift exchange with family and get home late.

Abbygail Gray, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

I love Christmas because you get to spend time with friends and family! I also love that Baby Jesus was born on Christmas Day! When I get presents I am always thankful.

Ryder Losier, Grade 4, H.A.Kostash

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Christmas Stories

Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

On Christmas, I decorate the tree with my family. After Christmas, I usually go to a movie with my dad.

Camron T., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

We decorate the Christmas tree altogether. We bake cookies for Santa and give him milk and lay out carrots

for Santa's reindeer.

Adella T., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

On Christmas eve we go to my Grandma's and Grandpa's house to decorate gingerbread houses. We put out carrots, milk and cookies for Santa. On Christmas morning we stay in our PJ's and open presents at our house and then my

Grandparents house.

Sadie P., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

We all go to my Baba's and Gido's. Then we bake cookies and cake. I help make dinner. I have

a sleepover there and when I wake up there are presents. I love my family.

Lonnie A., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

We celebrate Baba Jean's birthday and Jesus' birthday on Christmas! Then we decorate the Christmas tree altogether. Me, my sisters, Kaleb, mom and dad all go sledding. My family bakes cookies for us! We wake early in the morning. We love our presents together and then we sing together.

Isabella F., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

Me and my sister decorate the green Christmas tree. On Christmas eve, my 2 cousins and Baba come over to my house and we make cookies. On Christmas day, I go over to my Baba and Grandpa's and open more presents. I feel so loved!

Alyssa O., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

We decorate the Christmas tree altogether. All of us wear funny Christmas pajamas.

Aleah L., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

My mom and I make Christmas decorations for my best friends and family. We sometimes go to my Aunt Sharon's.

Eleanor C., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic

School

We decorate the green Christmas tree with my family. My family comes to the house and we celebrate Jesus' birthday. Once, we went to see the Polar Express.

Edwin R., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

My family bakes cookies for Santa on Christmas eve. My mom and I also get our nails done.

Charlee D., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

The meaning of Christmas is spending time with family, representing God, and giving presents to other people.

Lexxi W., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

The meaning of Christmas is spending time with family and friends. Also, being joyful and happy and hopeful.

Aubree M., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

The meaning of Christmas is celebrating Christmas with your family. Also, laughing with your family and having a feast with friends. Then opening presents with friends.

Ronan S., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

Christmas is about

having fun and loving and hugging my mom.

Michael S., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

The meaning of Christmas is spending time with our family and celebrating Jesus' birthday because he is the one who sacrificed for us!

Annalise F., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

My best Christmas was two years back when my mom planned a Christmas party and invited all our closest friends. We are planning to make another Christmas party this year!

Jenica P., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

My best Christmas memory is decorating the Christmas tree with my Mommy. Also playing outside.

Allyson F., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

This year is my best Christmas because I like horse toys and they are on my list. I hope I will have fun this year!

Massey S., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School

My best Christmas memory was going on the Polar Express. I got hot chocolate because we were on a train.

Ella D., Grade 3/4, Holy Family Catholic School



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From the Gibbons Law Office

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From The Hoetmer Team

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Christmas Masses 2023

4th Sunday of Advent, Saturday, Dec. 23

St. Clare, Redwater: 6:00pm
Sacred Heart, Gibbons: 8:00pm
O.L.A., Fort Sask.: 5:15pm and 8:00pm

Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24

St. Clare, Redwater: 6:00pm
Sacred Heart, Gibbons: 8:00pm
O.L.A., Fort Sask.: 4:30pm, 8:00pm and 12:00(midnight)

Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25

O.L.A., Fort Sask.: 10:00am

Holy Family, Saturday, Dec. 30

Sacred Heart, Gibbons: 6:00pm
O.L.A. Fort Sask.: 5:15pm, 8:00pm

New Year's Eve, Mother of God, Sunday, Dec. 31

St. Clare, Redwater: 7:00pm
O.L.A., Fort Sask.: 5:15pm, 8:00pm

New Year's Day, Mother of God, Monday, Jan. 1, 2024

Sacred Heart, Gibbons: 11:00am
O.L.A., Fort Sask.: 10:00am

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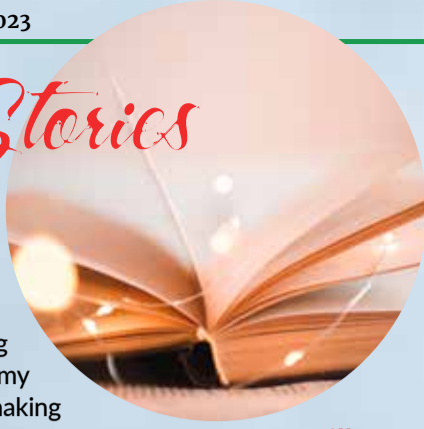
*The air is filled with anticipation,
 On the day of the big celebration,
 With friends and family galore,
 Just like back in the days of yore!
 Have a good old time on Christmas!*

Council & Staff
Village of Waskatenau

Holy Family Catholic School Waskatenau

would like to wish you a very *Merry Christmas.* May the magic of this season fill your hearts with love, peace and joy.

Christmas Stories



Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favorite thing about Christmas is building new Lego sets.

Charlie Barnes, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My Favorite Christmas tradition is making gingerbread houses and making cheesecake and milk for Santa.

Max Domshy, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is when I wait for the rest of my family to open Christmas presents.

Brantt Gill, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is spending time with my family and making Christmas cookies for Santa.

Zoey Laurie, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas is watching the Christmas movie Elf. I like spending time with my family

Walker McLean, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My Favourite Christmas Tradition is that I watch a movie. I watch Elf. It is funny.

Lillyanna Paly, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My Christmas tradition is to sit in front of the Christmas tree and take a picture. We open presents after we take a picture.

Thaeris Raezter, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas traditions on every Christmas Eve is when I get one present. It is

always p.j.s and they always have Christmas colours on them.

Daphne Stephenson, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My family does this every Christmas. We have finger foods and watch movies and have hot chocolate.

Brody Stow, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is when we watch the Grinch movie, drink hot chocolate, eat candy canes and make cookies.

Oscar Zolkewski, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favorite Christmas tradition is to bake gingerbread cookies and watch Christmas movies.

I love the movie elf and the Grinch.

Carlie Brown, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

Every Christmas my family wears matching pajamas. Also my family has a sleepover at my mama's house.

Maleyah Gillam, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is to go on ice. I love skating. It's fun too.

Joseph Toronchuk, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite Christmas tradition is on December 24th. I always go to a family member's house to celebrate Christmas together.

Violet Guglich, Grade 2,

Thorhild Central School

I love to go sledding. I love to go quading.

Becky Broda, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

I like to go sledding at my babas. I like to make snowman.

Serena Ranger, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

My favourite tradition is to decorate cookies. I like to go sledding.

Mary Turenne, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School

I like to make Christmas cokes and decorate the Christmas tree.

I am going to Manitoba to see my Grandma and Grandpa.

Hudson Wosnack, Grade 2, Thorhild Central School



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Community Events Calendar

January 2024

Community Services
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Town Office
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Winter Programs

For details on the following and other programs, visit our Events and Programs website page at redwater.ca/p/events-programs, the Town of Redwater Facebook page, or call the Community Services Office at 780-942-4101.

Chair Fitness Class at Pembina Place

- Wednesdays, 11:00am-12:00pm, January 10 to February 28
- 8 classes for \$52.00 (includes GST)
- Registration deadline is January 3. A minimum 8 participants are required.

Join us for a beginner/senior friendly exercise class for all individuals ages 18+. This class uses a chair to help keep you stable while using your body weight, resistance bands, and light dumbbells. If you are up for a challenge, you can do the exercises standing. All equipment provided. Drop-in passes available for purchase starting January 4 at \$8 per class.

Pickleball - Join the pickleball fun with a season pass or drop-in participation. Register beginning January 2. The new season begins January 3.

- Monday and Wednesday mornings, 10:00am-12:00pm
- Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 6:00-8:00pm

Redwater Crafting Group - This is free crafting camaraderie at its finest! We have some basic crocheting or knitting supplies on hand if you are a beginner; otherwise bring your project along or share in a group project. Meet at Pembina Place Mondays and Saturdays, 1:00-3:00pm. The 2024 session begins January 8.

Indoor Walking at Pembina Place - Walk confidently and safely inside! This program runs from Monday to Friday (closed stat holidays and building closure dates) from 9:00am to 12:00 noon at Pembina Place. A season pass is \$20.

Recreational Skating for Kids - Help children gain confidence on the ice and learn basic skating skills. \$40 per participant. Register by January 3 for Level 1.

- Level 1: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00pm, January 10 to February 14
- Level 2: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00pm, February 21 to March 27

FREE Caregiving 101 Workshop - All caregivers invited!

If you assist a family member, friend, or neighbor with challenges due to aging, illness, or disability, you are a caregiver! Do you know a caregiver who could use support? Invite them along!

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 from 10:30am-12:30pm
Pembina Place Cultural Centre

A free light lunch is included following the presentation. Register with the Community Services Office by January 29 by phoning 780-942-4101 or emailing Lspicer@redwater.ca.

Come discover programs and services to support caregivers:

- ◆ System navigation and help finding resources
- ◆ How to live with grief, loss, and stress
- ◆ Group or one-on-one support
- ◆ Educational sessions



Families First Society provides free family programming in Redwater and surrounding areas. Go to www.redwater.ca/p/events-programs for full details and contact info.

Silly Sprouts Play - Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30am at Pembina Place. Drop in for this free, facilitated program for caregivers and their children ages 0-6 years.

Family Fun Night - Select Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00pm at Pembina Place and other locations. Activities for children aged 0-6 years with the invitation for all ages to play.

T.W.E.E.T. (Together We Engage and Explore Together) - Saturday mornings in Fort Saskatchewan for caregivers and children 0-6 years.

Nurtured Baby Prenatal Health - Select Friday afternoons, 1:00pm, Gibbons Cultural Centre.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
Town Offices Closed 1 	2 Pioneer Club - General Meeting (1:30pm)	3 Legion - Coffee (9:00am) Legion - Whist (1:00pm) Legion - General Meeting (7:00pm)	4 Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00am) Museum open (1:00pm) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) Legion - Darts and Pool (7:00pm)	5 Legion - Coffee (9:00-10:00am) Legion - Crib (7:00pm)	6 Quilters Guild at Alliance Church (9:30am) Museum open (10:00am)
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Need information or assistance?
 One call can connect you to community groups, resources and information
Town of Redwater - Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)
 780-942-4101

The Food Bank is in need of egg cartons and volunteers!
 Phone 780-942-2061 for more information.

Public Health Clinic at Redwater Health Centre
 9:00am-4:00pm Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
 Phone 780-942-6615 to book an appointment.
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Merry Christmas!
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Wednesday, January 10, 2024
 Radway New Horizons Seniors Centre
 5108-49th Avenue, Radway
 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

DECEMBER 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

ADMINISTRATION & PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE HOURS

- Monday, December 25, 2023 - ALL Offices are closed
- Tuesday, December 26, 2023 - ALL Offices are closed
- Wednesday, December 27, 2023 - ALL Offices are closed
- Thursday, December 28, 2023 - Open & Regular Hours
- Friday, December 29, 2023 - Open & Regular Hours
- Monday, January 1, 2024 - ALL Offices are closed

THORHILD TRANSFER STATION

- Saturday, December 23, 2023 - Open
- Wednesday, December 27, 2023 - Closed
- Saturday, December 30, 2023 - Open

LONG LAKE TRANSFER STATION

- Sunday, December 24, 2023 - Open
- Sunday, December 31, 2023 - Open

HAMLET GARBAGE & BLUE BAG PICK UP

- Friday, December 22, 2023 - Normal Garbage pickup
- Friday, December 29, 2023 - Normal Garbage pickup

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Monday: 9 am - 3:30 pm
- Tuesday: 11 am - 6 pm
- Wednesday: 10 am - 3:30 pm
- Thursday: 9 am - 3:30 pm
- Friday: 9 am - 3:30 pm

Call the clinic to schedule your appointment or flu shot:
780-398-4MED (4633)

THORHILD COUNTY FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC

Located at 801 - 1st Street in Thorhild, the Thorhild County Family Medical Clinic offers a full-time **Nurse Practitioner**, who can diagnose, treat illnesses, order and interpret lab tests, manage chronic illnesses and prescribe medications. Blood pressure checks and weight check-ins are also available.

Please note that the Thorhild County Family Medical Clinic is closed on the following dates: December 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, & 29, 2023, and January 1, 2024.

LONG LAKE SKI AREA OPENING DELAYED

The opening of the Long Lake Ski Area is delayed due to lack of snow and warm temperatures.

Please watch Thorhild County's social media channels and website for an opening date announcement of the Long Lake Ski Area.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Thorhild County is accepting applications from candidates to fill the following position:

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II
 Focus on Grader Operations

For details, please visit our Careers page at www.thorhildcounty.com.

THORHILD COUNTY ID CARDS

Thorhild County Identification Cards are required to access Thorhild and Long Lake Transfer Stations and Waste of Management Canada-Thorhild Landfill for all household waste. ID cardholders **must** show their cards to the transfer station attendants. Starting January 2024, transfer station attendants will be required to scan ID cards.



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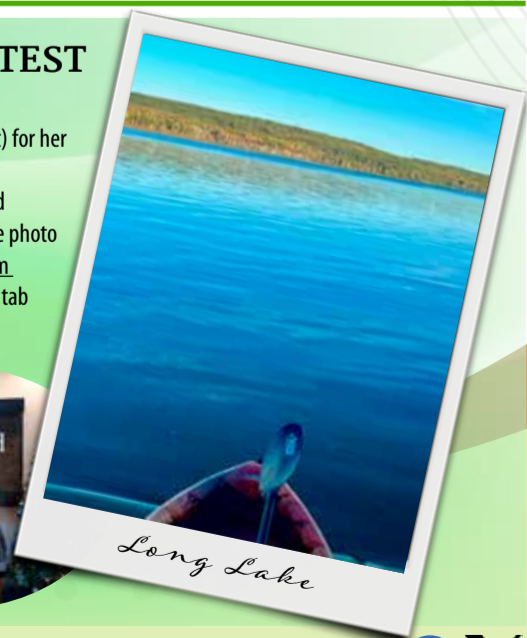
We want to thank **Waste Management of Canada** for its generous donation of \$6,400 toward the Thorhild County FCSS 2023 Christmas Hamper Program. Pictured above from left to right: Cam Hantiuk, Solomiya Lyaskovska, Reeve Janine Paly, and Chris LeMaistre.

2023 SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to **Margaret Allan Newell** (bottom left) for her photo taken on TWP RD 584, which earned her First Prize in the 2023 Summer Photo Contest, and **Tracy Woloshnyuk** (bottom right) for her Second Prize photo taken on Long Lake. Visit www.thorhildcounty.com and click on Discover Thorhild under the Community tab to see all the winning photos in 2022 & 2023.



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