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Location, Location, Location!

Nestled along the picturesque Sturgeon River, the Town of Gibbons welcomes you. A municipality of about 3,000 residents, Gibbons prides itself on its community spirit. A community 'rooted in family,' Gibbons offers a quiet suburban lifestyle for its residents.

Gibbons Town Council and administration strive to maintain a high level of services to residents while maintaining a commitment to environment and social sustainability.

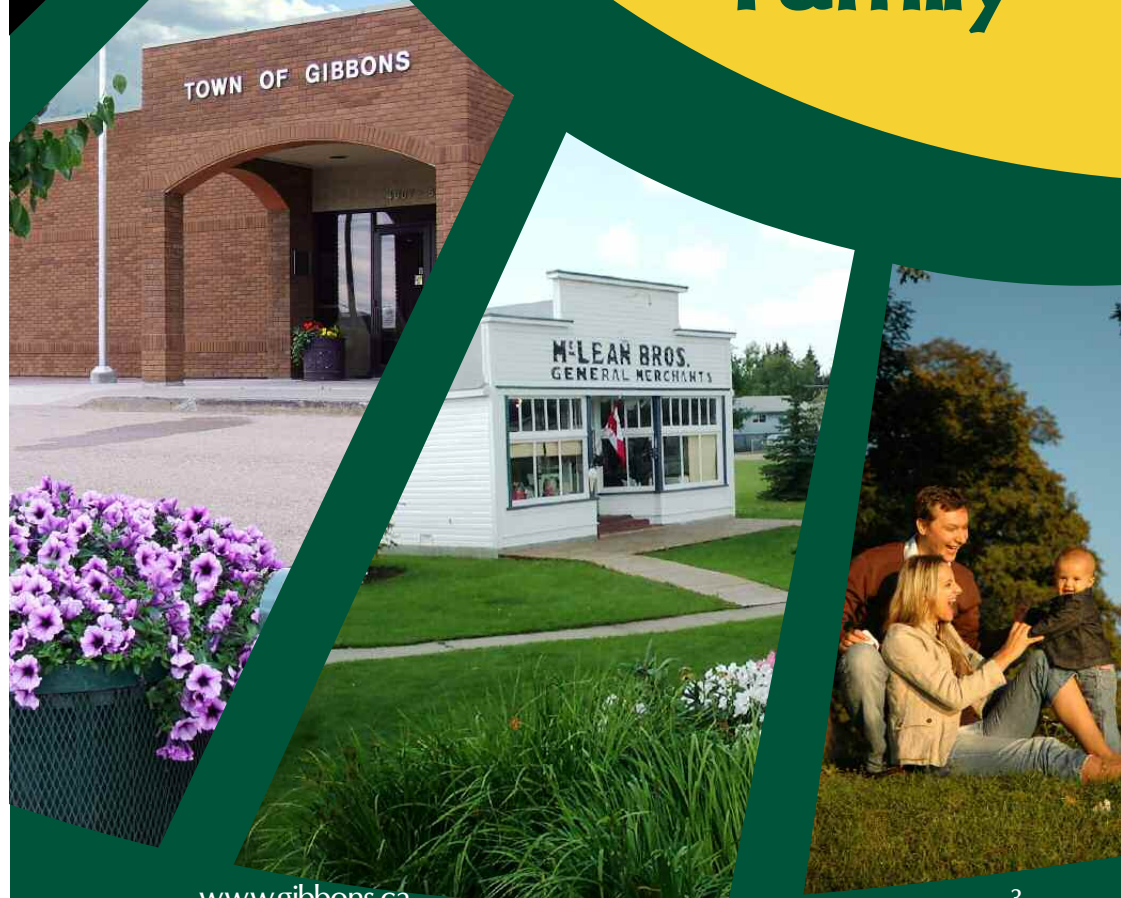
A progressive family orientated community, Gibbons is working towards creating a robust business community and protecting its small town atmosphere as it transforms into a self-sufficient, suburban community*.

Gibbons' commercial core provides for all your basic needs including food, pharmaceutical, doctor, dentist, banking, legal and vehicle services. All other needs are available within a 15-minute drive.

With the recent announcement of the Northwest Redwater Project being built just east of town, Gibbons is in a wonderful position for future growth.

* Gibbons 2010 Sustainability Report available at www.gibbons.ca

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Town Pride

As the 2009 National Communities in Bloom winning community, Gibbons boasts many distinctive features. A mere 15 minute drive from Edmonton's north-east boundary, this forward looking community takes pride in its wealth of facilities and recreational opportunities.

Tot lots and active parks dot the town. The fully developed River Valley with structured pathways, benches, a picnic area and numerous viewing points allow residents to bask in the valley's serenity. For the fisherman, the fishpond located in Echo Glen Park is stocked annually with trout.

First class educational, health care, religious institutions, service clubs, community and cultural organizations add to the quality of life in the community.

A dynamic, affordable community nestled in a pastoral setting Gibbons is known for its green spaces and environmental reserves. Residents of the Town take pride in their heritage while maintaining a strong forward thinking attitude built on working cooperatively with their neighbours.

Gibbons has many exciting projects on the horizon. Council is studying the feasibility of building a Multicultural Center. It will connect the existing arena and curling complex, to create a convention type centre. The new community banquet room will accommodate 450 guests and double as a gymnasium for fitness programs, sports and walking on inclement days.

Jack Hogg Park houses ball diamonds, soccer fields, an outdoor skating rink and skateboard park. The Town sports eight other municipal parks, most with playground structures. They host the Town's gazebo, outdoor skating ice, spray park, basketball, four square and tennis courts, soccer fields, trout pond and Country Cone Ice Cream Shop.

Oliver Park is home to the Gibbons Historical Museum. It hosts many turn of the century buildings filled with fascinating equipment, tools and artifacts.

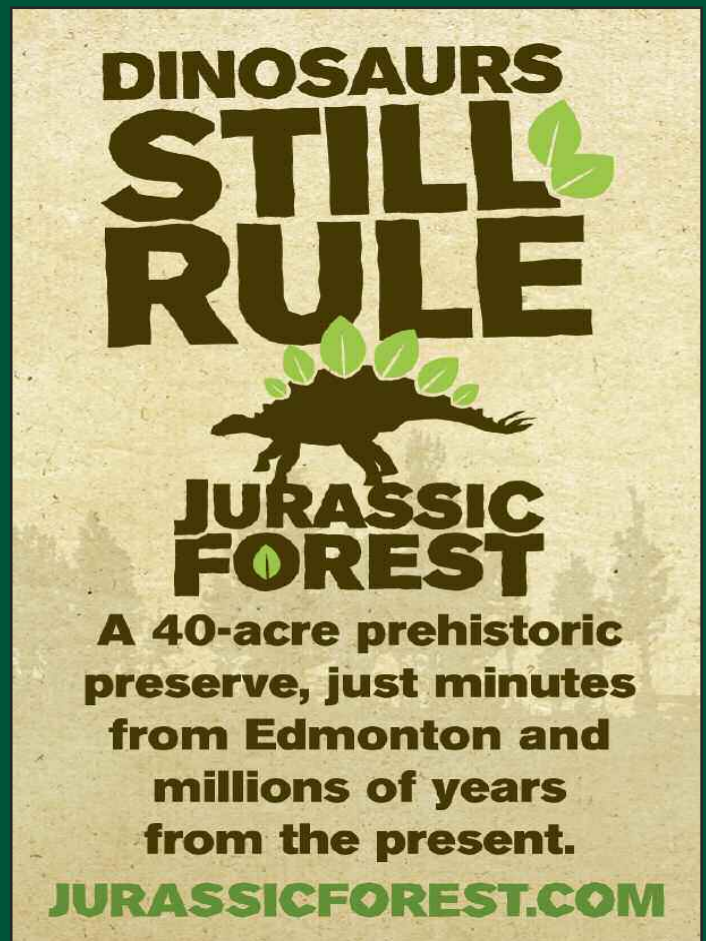
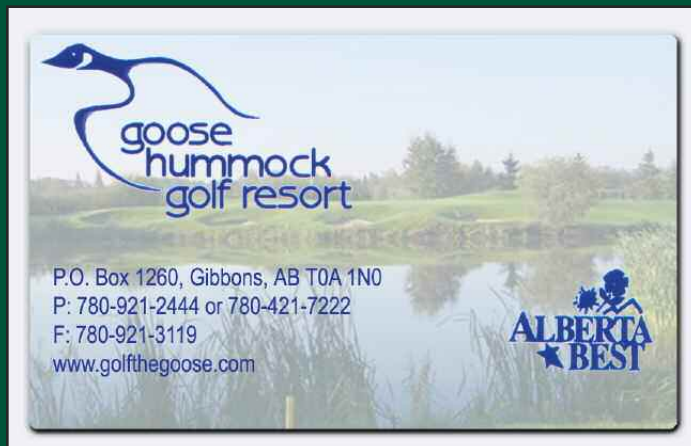
The Shack, the Gibbons Youth Centre, allows youth to participate in sports, games, music or just visit with friends in a safe supervised environment.

The Town prides itself on being a walkable community. It's laced with passive trails which interconnect with much of the community. Two kilometres of riverside trails allow walkers to enjoy the Sturgeon Valley's beauty.

The community boasts over 70 volunteer organizations, from a playschool group to the seniors club, which offer activities for all ages and backgrounds and work to maintain the town's homey feel.

Numerous family celebrations run throughout the year, starting with Family Day and wrapping up with a Home Town Christmas.

The world class Goose Hummock Golf Resort is located a mere three kilometres north. Right next door, Jurassic Forest roars with life. Longriders, a full-service campground, hugs the river valley on the north side of town. Across the river, Boonstock rocks a weekend away every summer.



Quick Facts

Population:
2848 (2007)

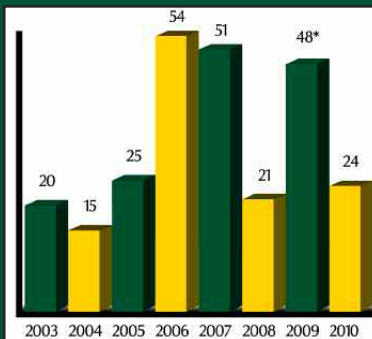
Location:

The Town is located in the heart of Sturgeon County (population 18,620 in 2006) only 15 minutes from the City of Edmonton's northern boundary and only 6 kilometres from Alberta's Heartland. The Town's trade area includes traffic on highway 28A from Edmonton as well as highway 28; the highway to Fort McMurray. The Town of Bon Accord (population 1,534 in 2006) is situated only 8 kilometres west of town.

Gibbons' has a full service Seniors Lodge, Spruceview Manor, which has the capacity to house forty-four residents. Pinecrest Gardens offers eighteen self-contained apartment suites right next to the lodge.

The town has a variety of religious organizations, including the Anglican Church, United Church, Catholic Church and Sturgeon Alliance Church.

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Detailed phone list is available at www.gibbons.ca or call the office at 780-923-3331

Gibbons is served by a professionally-trained volunteer Fire Department which provides excellent fire protection and emergency response to residents in Gibbons and surrounding area. The Fire Department operates a 1050 G.P.M. fire cannon and an Emergency Rescue Unit which contains the Jaws of Life.

Alberta Health Ambulance Service is located within the Town and there are 3 hospitals within 24 kilometers of Gibbons. The Town is also serviced by Stars Air Ambulance.

Medical facilities consist of two medical clinics, a dental office, a full service pharmacy, a laboratory and a health unit.

Gibbons Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) works to promote and enhance family and community life within the region. Volunteerism and prevention are emphasized; as FCSS strives to help the community help itself.

With the assistance of the Sunflower Community Resource Program, also housed in Gibbons, FCSS offers information, referrals and support for social, community or personal issues. Confidentiality is always protected.

FCSS also offers many local programs including Meals on Wheels, group photocopying for local non-profit organizations, a babysitting registry, babysitting safety courses, seniors and handicapped

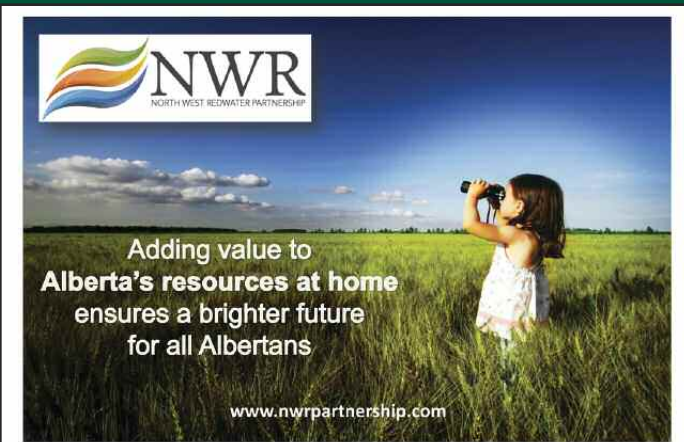
transportation programs as well as many other programs to support local residents.

In an emergency, the Town, partners with the Fire Department to maintain a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and emergency siren alarm system;

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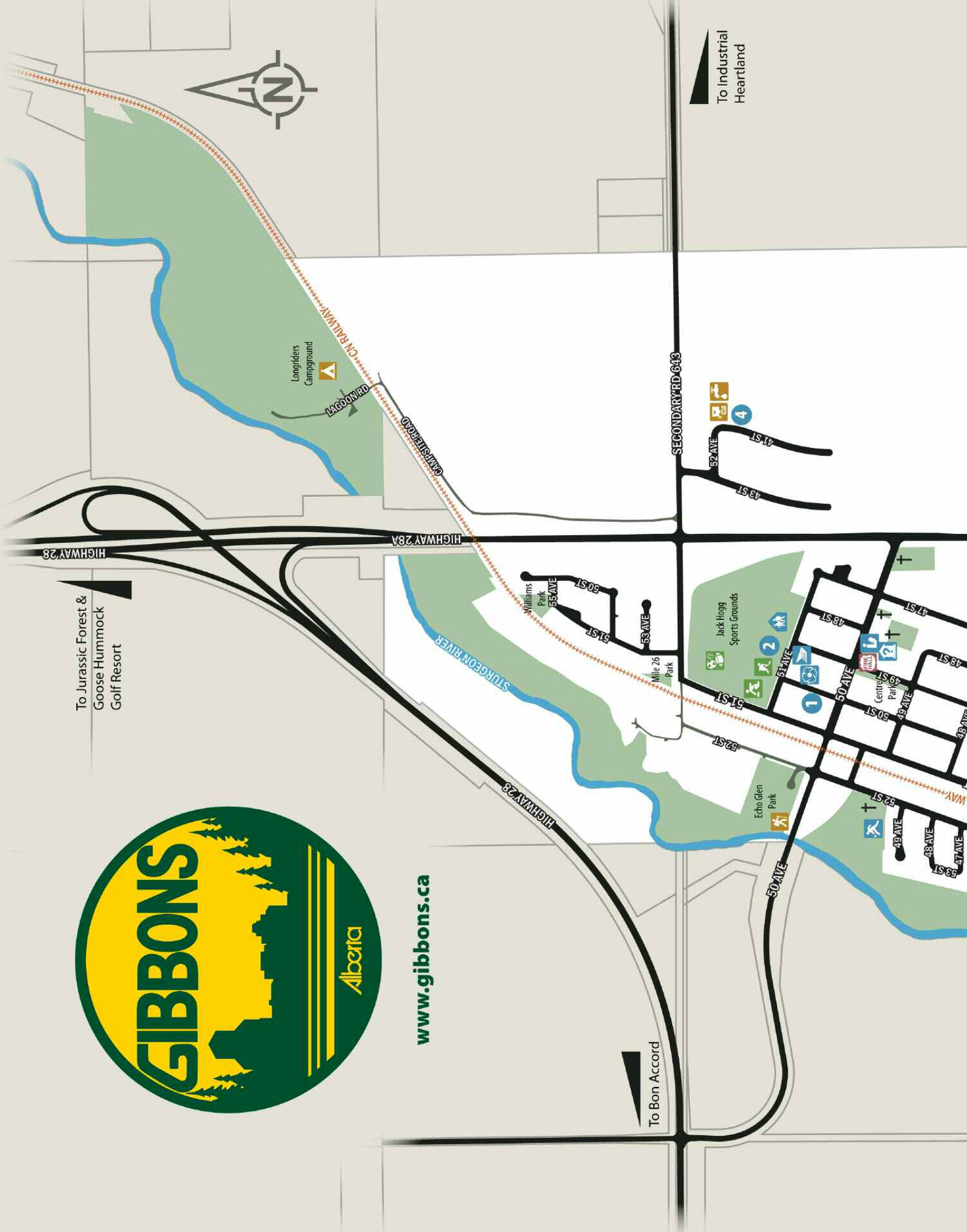


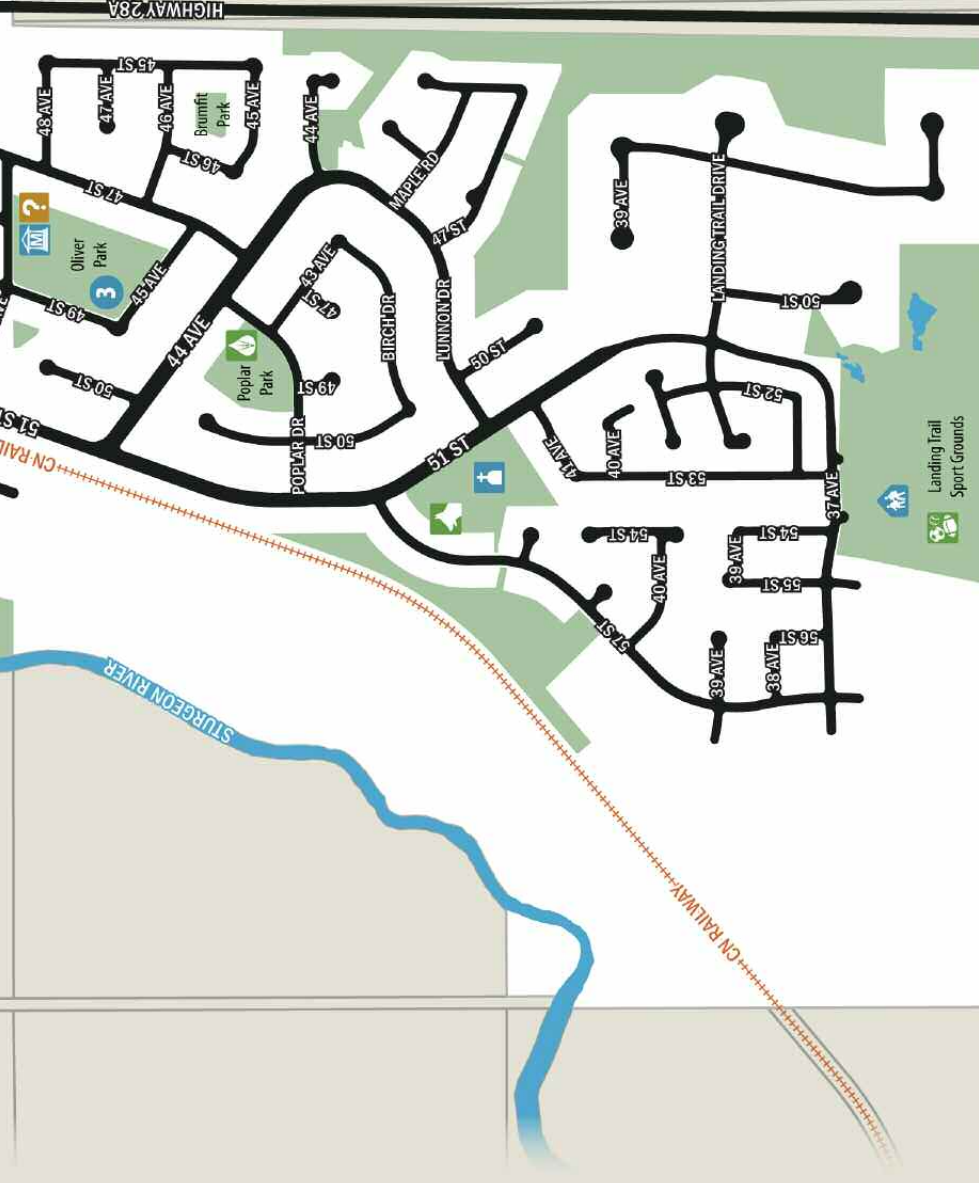
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Gibbons Public Library

Gibbons Public Library is a member of the Northern Lights Library System, which is part of TRAC (The Regional Automation Consortium) a group of four Alberta regional library systems. TRAC facilitates the sharing of resources between more than 150 libraries giving patrons access to a combined catalogue of nearly 3 million books, DVDs and other material.

Gibbons Public Library and the Sturgeon Learning Centre are both Community Internet Access Sites which allow residents to surf the Internet free of charge. The Gibbons Library has three Community Access computers while the Sturgeon Learning Centre has six. The library also offers patrons wireless internet access.



Education

The Town is served by the Sturgeon School Division, with two schools; Landing Trail providing education for kindergarten to grades four and Gibbons School serving children in grades five to nine. High School education is provided at either the Sturgeon Composite High School, at Namao or Redwater High School in Redwater.

Gibbons is also the home of the Sturgeon Learning Centre, an alternative high school which provides high school credit courses in a flexible, individualized, adult learning type environment. Advanced education such as University, Technical School and College Courses are all available within easy commuting distance in Edmonton. Preschool, after school care and day care are also available within the town.

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Curbside garbage and blue bag collection services are provided within the town. For oversized loads the Roseridge Waste Management Service Commission operates a regional landfill facility just outside the Town of Morinville, about 20 kilometres west of Gibbons. The town subsidises the first 1,000 kg of household refuse,

per household taken to the landfill each year. The town also sponsors a town-wide clean up once a year and works with the county to offer residents a Toxic Waste Round Up.

As well as biweekly curbside blue bag collection, the town operates a seasonal branch and lawn waste compost at the Town's shop.

The winner of the 2009 Communities in Bloom National Contest, Gibbons is also proactive in conservation projects. Some projects undertaken have been the sale of personal composters and rain barrels, sale of flower barrels and the Mayor's Conservation Walk.

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Gibbons is a Town with countless possibilities. Our proximity to Edmonton, the Industrial Heartland and great transportation connections to Fort McMurray and the North makes Gibbons a great location for commercial and light industrial growth. It's a wonderful place to do business and an ideal community to live.

The Town boasts one of the lowest urban residential municipal tax rates in the area; in a province with no sales tax. That makes Gibbons a wonderful place to invest.

Through progressive land use bylaws and policies the Town strives to create measured economic growth within its boundaries while still maintaining a sense of community. New ventures are supported by the Gibbons Regional Business Association, regional community resources and many local community organizations.

A leader in regional cooperation, Gibbons strives to work cooperatively with the neighbouring communities to take a proactive approach to planning, economic growth and community development.

The Town continues to create strong environmental policies to maximize development possibilities while minimizing its environmental footprint. The Gibbons staff and council strives to maintain transparent accountability in all financial and policy decisions while creating innovative ways to build a viable community that offers a timely response to service needs.



Striving for a sustainable community the Town offers residents easy access to a multitude of community service resources and organizations.

A safe community minded Town, Gibbons sits at the doorstep of hundreds of world class facilities, events and attractions in Edmonton, while still giving you that personal connection with your customer that only a progressive small town like Gibbons can offer.

Gibbons - a community rooted in family and a great place to do business.



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Gibbons Regional Business Association

The GRBA offers local business support and information on other businesses in the region while initiating and facilitating peer networking. The Association also offers fascinating local and regional speakers to give members an opportunity to learn what is happening in the area and stay informed about up and coming opportunities within the trade area and beyond.

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