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## Chamber holds AGM appoints new board



Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce Past President Shaun Thompson (left) and new President Matthew Lee. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

**By Stephen Dafoe**

The Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce has a new president, vice president and board of directors, with some returning and some completely new faces.

Long-time Chamber President Shaun Thomas, co-owner of Sobeys Morinville, steps into the past president role.

Servus Credit Union Manager Matthew Lee is replacing Thompson at the helm of the regional business organization. Joining as Vice-President is Sarah Hall of the Morinville Adopt-a-Family, and returning director Allan Ottway is secretary/treasurer.

Capital Vision Care's Leighann Hoetmer, JLS Decals & Signs/RV City's Jasmine Monpetit, Atlas Premium Homes owner Larren Monti, Meadows of Morinville's Kelly Johnston, ATB Financial's Renee Alexander, and iCandy Optical Ltd. owner Lisa Piche are the Chamber directors.

Chamber Executive Director Roberta Pawluk called the change in leadership bittersweet.

"When I started here four and a half years ago, it [the Chamber] wasn't in the greatest shape," Pawluk said. "Shaun and I have worked tirelessly to increase our profile. He is wonderful. I couldn't have asked for a better

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# Future to take flight in Villeneuve Airport area with regional approval of development plan

Sturgeon County's plan for the Villeneuve Airport area approved by EMRB following appeal by the County

Sturgeon County is looking forward to the future taking flight at the Villeneuve Airport, now that its development plan for the area has been approved by the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB).

The County appealed the EMRB's earlier decision to reject its plan for the Villeneuve Airport area, on the basis of procedural fairness and discriminatory treatment. As part of the appeal process, a committee of elected officials reviewed the appeal submission

and facilitated a resolution; the committee recommended the board immediately approve the County's plan.

*"This decision brings us one step closer to supporting new jobs and attracting new investment around the Villeneuve Airport. Our plan will provide opportunities for the partners involved with the Villeneuve Landing Network and for the region. The County looks forward to working with landowners and companies to position the area for long-term growth."*

**Mayor Alanna Hnatiw**



Longtime community volunteer Murray Knight, who passed away in November of 2022, was instrumental in the placing of Canada Day flags on Morinville lawns on Canada Day. This past Canada Day volunteers who took over after his passing planted flags on his home's lawn in the shape of a heart. The grass has been allowed to grow in that shape this summer in his memory. - **Stephen Dajoe Photo**

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# Mountie memories: Morinville Detachment and Sturgeon Victim Services celebrate RCMP's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

By Stephen Dafoe

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Morinville Detachment and Sturgeon Victim Services (SVS) united their efforts on Saturday, Sept. 16, for an afternoon barbecue and open house to recognize the RCMP's 150th anniversary and SVS's partnership in assisting them and the community for many years.

The four-hour event was well attended throughout the day and gave area residents the opportunity to enjoy some barbecue food and snacks, speak with members, and take a close look at some

of the detachment's vehicles.

Sturgeon Victim Services, RCMP, and Morinville Enforcement Services all had displays and personnel on hand. Additionally, there was a bit of Red Serge on display with an appearance from Safety Bear and Constable Cole Mccaugherty in the traditional RCMP uniform.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2023, marking a century and a half of dedicated service to Canada. Established on May 23, 1873, the RCMP has played a pivotal role in maintaining law and order,



Morinville Enforcement Services had an information booth with some swag for visitors to take. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

upholding justice, and ensuring the safety and security of the nation.

Staff Sergeant Chris Palfy, who swapped his normal duties to grill burgers on Saturday, said it was a great day.

"We're celebrating

150 years of the RCMP in Canada. There are lots of celebrations going on throughout the province, and we're proud to be here and proud to serve our community," Palfy said.

The Staff Sergeant, who has called the Morinville RCMP Detachment home since March of 2018, is scheduled to retire on Nov. 14, with his last day in the office on Oct. 13.

"I've done 26 years. Morinville, I can say, has been the highlight of my career," he said.

"I've loved every moment of it, but it's time to move on to

something else."

Palfy said in his time in Morinville, he feels that his focus has been on delivering better service to the community and helping his fellow officers when they are struggling with mental health or medical issues.

The staff sergeant said the RCMP's relationship with Sturgeon Victim Services is instrumental in their work.

"I don't think we'd be able to do what we do without them," Palfy said. "Absolutely fantastic bunch of people. Their only speed is give, give, give."

Sturgeon Victim Services is a community-based organization dedicated to supporting and assisting victims of crime and trauma in the Sturgeon County region. Their mission is to empower individuals who have experienced crime or traumatic events by offering emotional support, practical guidance, and access to resources that can

help them cope and recover.

SVS Executive Director Lis Melvin said she and SVS were pleased to participate in the anniversary event. "This is a big deal because it is celebrating partnerships between the RCMP, Peace Officers, Victim Services and the community," Melvin said. "Together, this is how we make a safer community."

Outside Morinville, many detachments held celebrations. Redwater held one earlier this year, and The Alberta RCMP and the Edmonton Corn Maze held an RCMP Day at the Maze event on Saturday, Sept. 16, as well.

This year's maze was shaped like a Mountie saluting. Additionally, the Alberta RCMP's Police Dog Services and Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (drones) were demonstrated at the event.

Those interested in learning more about the RCMP's 150th can visit [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/rcmp150](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/rcmp150).

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## Chamber holds AGM appoints new board

boss. He gives to this community. He gives back. He's very passionate about Morinville businesses and Morinville as a whole."

Although excited about new members and new ideas at the Chamber board table, Pawluk said she is pleased to see Thompson staying on to guide new president Matthew Lee for the first year of his term as Chamber president.

### From the ground up

Thompson, who has been on the Chamber board for eight years and president for six, said it has been a lot of fun doing what the Chamber has been doing during a regrowth period.

The now-past president said the work was only possible with fellow board members and management.

"We all do things as a team, and I think we've done a lot," Thompson said, noting that the first two years of his time as president focused on learning the lay of the land and then making some changes within the Chamber office.

"We got a new executive director, and I think from there, started building a good structure," he said. "Not everything has been perfect, but we've made sure to debrief and made sure to better each event year after year."

Thompson said a lot of groundwork has been accomplished

thanks to past directors, current directors and the executive director.

Some of that groundwork has been reaching out to and working with Alexander First Nation. "I think there are a lot of things we can help each other with, and they are 20 minutes away."

At one point, the Chamber believed it had 238 members when, in fact, they only had 139. Today, that number is up to 170 active members.

Thompson has enjoyed his time as president but is looking forward to passing the chair to Lee, Hall, Ottway and the other board members.

While Thompson has been the past president for a year, he is also on the board of the Morinville Food Bank and has been for the past two years.

### Building from a strong foundation

Although new to the Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce Board, Servus Credit Union Manager Matthew Lee has been in banking for the past 22 years and served on several non-profit boards in the past, including a stint as treasurer of a church in Edmonton.

"I really feel that Morinville is at a great opportunity for growth, and when I say growth, I'm not just looking at business,

but residents," Lee said. "I see business growth, but I'm also looking at opportunities on how we can increase our community engagement."

Lee said he'd like to see additional festivals and fairs and sees the Chamber's role in part to support businesses but also to support the families who support those businesses.

With a history in banking, Lee said he has seen how local businesses impact communities and how communities can help businesses—something he does not see as exclusive to each other.

"Shaun had to kind of tear down

the house as the president and rebuild the foundation," Lee said. "And I think that foundation is solid. You look at the financials and where they were and where they are now. It's really come around. The foundation has been built up, and I think the next steps that we have are building that community engagement and really looking at how we can entice more businesses to set up shop here in Morinville."

Lee said he wants to look at what is unique to Morinville that puts it on the map, which will increase the community profile and bring people from inside and outside the region.

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# Rosieridge hosting regional Household Hazardous Waste Roundup in Gibbons

Before we say hello to much colder weather, it is a perfect time to say goodbye to those cans, jars and bottles of cleaning solutions, old paint and other Household Hazardous Waste products accumulated over the year.

Rosieridge Landfill Commission is hosting the second Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Roundups for 2023 in Gibbons on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gibbons Cultural Center.

Participants do not need a landfill permit for this free event, and the event is open to the entire Sturgeon County Region, regardless of where participants live.

"Until our new facility opens in 2024, Household Hazardous Wastes are not accepted at Rosieridge. We ask that residents safely store their household hazardous waste on their property for these regional events, where they can dispose of it for free. These events help us keep these items out of the landfill."

Rosieridge currently holds a spring and fall event. In May, the Commission held its most successful event in Morinville. They hope the second event, planned for Gibbons, is equally as productive in keeping items out of the landfill.

"Rosieridge has taken on this role from the municipalities to support a regional effort and collaboration," Berry said. "Rather than each of the municipalities duplicating the service and offering it on their own, we're doing it on behalf of the entire region."

Household hazardous waste products include but are not limited to acetone, ant/wasp spray, barbecue starters, antifreeze, car waxes and polishes, glues, hair colouring, aerosol hair spray, nail polish remover, paint thinners, rechargeable batteries, shoe polish, spa and pool chemicals, weed killers and windshield washer solutions.

Household cleaners regarded as household hazardous waste include abrasive cleaners, aerosol air fresheners, all-purpose cleaners, ammonia, bleach, disinfectants, drain cleaners, fabric softeners, glass cleaners, laundry starch, laundry stain removers, mildew removers, oven cleaners, rug and upholstery cleaners, toilet cleaners, and tub and tile cleaners.

"If you are unsure, bring it," Berry said, noting the default should be to bring everything.

In addition to the household hazardous wastes, the event will include an electronics roundup where



Rosieridge Landfill Commission Recycling Coordinator Fred Cosgrove displays some of the materials accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Roundup in Gibbons on Saturday, October 7.

they will accept anything with a plug, from old hair dryers to television sets.

Berry and the Commission hope for another successful event and encourage the area's residents to come out regardless of whether they live in Morinville, Redwater or anywhere throughout Sturgeon County.

"It's completely free. It's convenient. It's in town. Stop in and bring it, even if you have one or two items," Berry said. "Bring those one or two items and keep them out of the landfill."

Rosieridge Landfill Commission is a regional partnership between Bon Accord, Gibbons, Legal, Morinville, Sturgeon County, and Redwater.



## PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1633/23 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1633/23.

The property owner would like to operate an event venue on their land at 56210 Range Road 253 (legal land description: Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1220583). This land is zoned as AG-Agriculture, which does not allow this type of activity. To operate an event venue in Sturgeon County, land must be zoned as AG2 – Agriculture 2 District.

### Public Hearing details

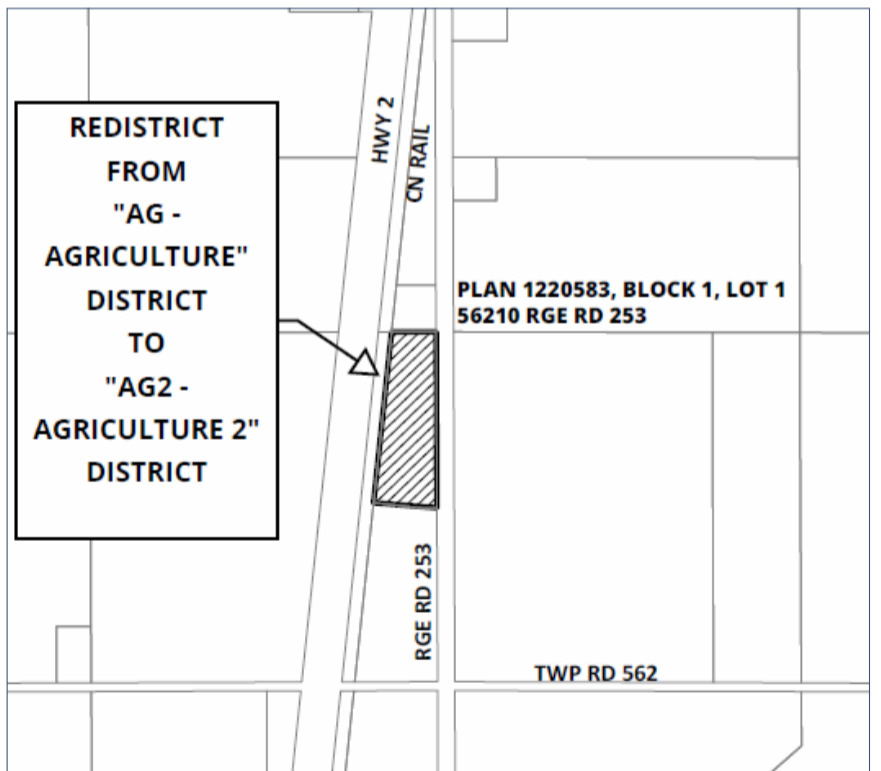
The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on: **Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.** (or as soon as practical thereafter) Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville) [sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/CouncilMeetings)

The applicant is requesting the land be rezoned to AG2 – Agriculture 2 District, which would allow them to apply for an event venue development permit. Each time land is rezoned, a bylaw is needed to amend the Land Use Bylaw, and a public hearing must be held.

View the proposed bylaw at [sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1633](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1633)

### Questions? Contact us!

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