



Home Ice, Jets' Victory

The Morinville Jets storm the ice in celebration after a dramatic 4-3 overtime win over the Wainwright Bisons, securing gold at the Alberta Junior B Provincials hosted in Morinville. – **Submitted Photo**

By Shelley Winger

The Morinville Jets have made history, capturing both the Capital Junior Hockey League (CJHL) Championship and the Hockey Alberta Provincial Junior B title in a landmark season for the team.

"This win is huge for the town of Morinville," said Jets Manager Brent Melville.

"When we started this year back in September 2024,

we knew we had the team to win a championship."

The Jets wrapped up the regular season with 31 wins and just seven losses, finishing first overall and claiming the regular season championship.

They then steam-rolled through play-offs, going undefeated with 10 straight wins to secure the CJHL title – their first league championship in 47 years.

Morinville also had the honour of hosting the 2025 Hockey Alberta Junior B Provincials. With strong hometown support and volunteer help from families and community members, the tournament was a success on and off the ice.

"It was a total team effort," said Melville. "Hosting the Provincials was a lot of work, but our community stepped up."

The Jets went 4-1 in the tournament, finishing with a gold medal – another first for the team.

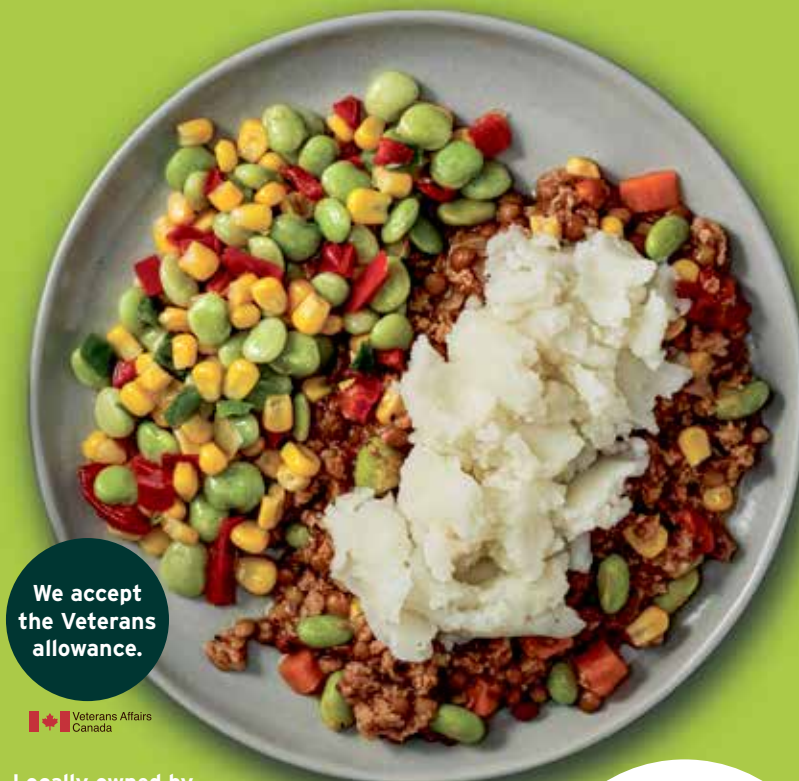
Four players will be graduating this year: Cody Laliberte, Jacob Klassen, Issac Kinsella, and team captain Graeme Hampton. Under the guidance of coaches Zach McRae, Brett Dubuc, Bob McRae, and Craig Hampton, the Jets capped off a dream season in front of their hometown crowd.



The Morinville Jets raise the championship trophy as provincial Junior B champions, capping off a thrilling tournament with an overtime victory on home ice. The Provincials victory follows the Jets leading their division, league and securing the Capital Junior Hockey League championship earlier this year. – **Submitted Photo**

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More than books: Morinville Library builds connections

By Shelley Winger

If you think libraries are just quiet places full of dusty books, think again. The Morinville Community Library (MCL) is shaking up that image by offering programs that connect, inspire, and support the community in surprising ways.

“We offer more than just books,” says Jess Sheppard, the library’s program coordinator and assistant. “We have free Wi-Fi and computers for people to use for gaming or watching videos. We fax and print documents, help with technology, and provide resources for all kinds of needs.”

Since joining MCL in 2022, Jess has seen firsthand how the library’s role has expanded. “Even from then to now, the role of our library has changed and grown with the increased need for social services and community-led spaces,” she

says. “Especially in Morinville, many of our patrons and their families rely on the library as a welcoming place where they know they’ll be accepted and respected – regardless of who they are or how they identify.”

That philosophy is reflected in the wide range of programs offered for all ages.

For kids and teens, there’s an online Minecraft Club, Teen Night with video games and TV shows, and Creation Station – a creative arts and crafts club open to all ages. There’s even a resume-building workshop for those 16 and older, and the library is currently working on launching beginner-friendly tech help sessions for phones and computers.

One of the most in-demand offerings? All Booked Up – a quarterly book box service for readers aged 12–17 and 18+. Patrons sign up online and receive

personalized book picks, snacks, crafts, and handmade extras like bookmarks or hot chocolate packets. “These fill up fast,” Jess says.

The Community Craft program is another big hit. “Each month, we put out 150 take-home craft kits, complete with an instructional video,” Jess explains. “They’ve become part of the routine for families who attend our weekly Cozy Corner Storytime.”

From literacy to life skills, and from toddlers to seniors, MCL serves all ages and walks of life.

“We pride ourselves on being a space where everyone feels safe and welcome,” Jess says. “Whether it’s your race, gender, income, or how you identify – we make sure every person who walks through our doors is treated with respect and kindness.”

Whether you’re looking to join a book

club, pick up a board game, or just find a place that feels welcoming and warm, the Morinville Community Library is proving that it’s so much more than shelves and silence.



Photo by Morinville Community Library

LOTS OF BOOKS WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- ABSTRACT
- ALMANAC
- ARCHIVES
- AUTHOR

BOOKS

- BROWSER
- CARD
- CATALOG
- CIRCULATION
- CITATION
- COURSE

DESK

- EDITOR
- GLOSSARY
- INDEX
- JOURNAL
- KEYWORD
- LOAN

MOVIES

- PERIODICAL
- REFERENCE
- RENEW
- RESERVE
- STACKS

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Dark blacks
- 7. Construct a wall to confine
- 13. Most inappropriate
- 14. A type of board
- 16. Sacred Hindu syllable
- 17. Flatterer
- 19. The Granite State
- 20. Tears down
- 22. China's Chairman
- 23. Former Houston footballer
- 25. Periods of time
- 26. Expressed pleasure
- 28. World alliance
- 29. A Brit's mother
- 30. Television network
- 31. Brother or sister
- 33. Type of spirit

- 34. ___ Ladd, actor
- 36. A medium oversees it
- 38. One time province of British India
- 40. Wrong
- 41. The highest parts of something
- 43. Insect
- 44. Baseball stat
- 45. A way to use up
- 47. Where wrestlers compete
- 48. It helps elect politicians
- 51. As fast as can be done
- 53. Genus of legumes
- 55. Samoa's capital
- 56. Monument in Jakarta
- 58. Former French coin
- 59. Exploiters
- 60. College sports

- official
- 61. Uninterrupted in time
- 64. Stephen King story
- 65. Marked by no sound
- 67. Weathers
- 69. Denouncements
- 70. More beloved

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Winged nut
- 2. It cools a home
- 3. Kisses (French)
- 4. Oxford political economist
- 5. Keyboard key
- 6. Leaf pores
- 7. Agrees with publicly
- 8. Not around
- 9. Czech city
- 10. Muscle cell protein
- 11. Greek letter

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- 12. Movements
- 13. Ned ___, composer
- 15. Popular series Game of ___
- 18. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 21. Helper
- 24. Gift
- 26. Up in the air (abbr.)
- 27. Treat without respect
- 30. Trims
- 32. Slang for lovely
- 35. City of Angels hoopster (abbr.)
- 37. Guitarists' tool
- 38. Island nation
- 39. Delivered in installments
- 42. A baglike structure
- 43. Cooking vessel
- 46. Gets in front of
- 47. Wounded by scratching
- 49. More breathable
- 50. Medical dressings
- 52. Indiana hoopster
- 54. Married Marilyn
- 55. An ancient Assyrian city
- 57. Congressmen (abbr.)
- 59. Approves food
- 62. Ventura's first name
- 63. Between northeast and east
- 66. Atomic #71
- 68. Email designation

New Water Conservation Rebate Program Launches in Morinville to Encourage Environmental Sustainability

The Town of Morinville is excited to announce the launch of a new Water Conservation Rebate Program, part of Council's strategic plan to focus on environmental responsibilities.

Approved as part of the 2025-2027 Budget, this initiative reinforces Council's commitment to both long-term sustainability and innovative community support.

About the program

Morinville is giving residents a rewarding reason to go green with its new Water Conservation Rebate Program.

Morinville utility account holders are eligible for a 50% rebate on

purchases of approved drought-tolerant landscaping materials.

This program supports Morinville's strategic plan, which includes a focus on Environmental Responsibility.

Designed to promote eco-friendly landscaping and smart water use, the program encourages water conservation by helping to protect the environment, conserve resources and reduce energy use and costs.

Eligible materials for rebate:

- Plants, shrubs and trees – up to \$100
- Mulch – up to \$100
- Drought-tolerant turf/grass – up to \$350

• Rain barrels – up to \$100 (limit of one barrel)

• Rain barrel accessories – up to \$25

Rebates are issued on a first-come, first-served basis until program funds are exhausted.

A complete list of approved items can be found on the Morinville website.

"This rebate program reflects Morinville's focus on Environmental Responsibility by supporting our community in adopting more sustainable practices at home," said Michelle Hay, Interim CAO for Morinville. "It's a great example of how Council-approved initiatives

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2025 LIMITED CONTROL AREA AGREEMENTS

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Sturgeon COUNTY

by PETER MARINACCI

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Community Gathers for Eye-Opening Poverty Simulation

By Haylee Winger

On April 2, 2025, community members from across Sturgeon County came together for a compelling Poverty Simulation event, hosted at the Gibbons Cultural Centre.

Sturgeon County's event, in collaboration with the Town of Morinville and the Town of Gibbons, aimed to challenge perceptions, build empathy, and foster a deeper



understanding of the daily struggles faced by those living in poverty.

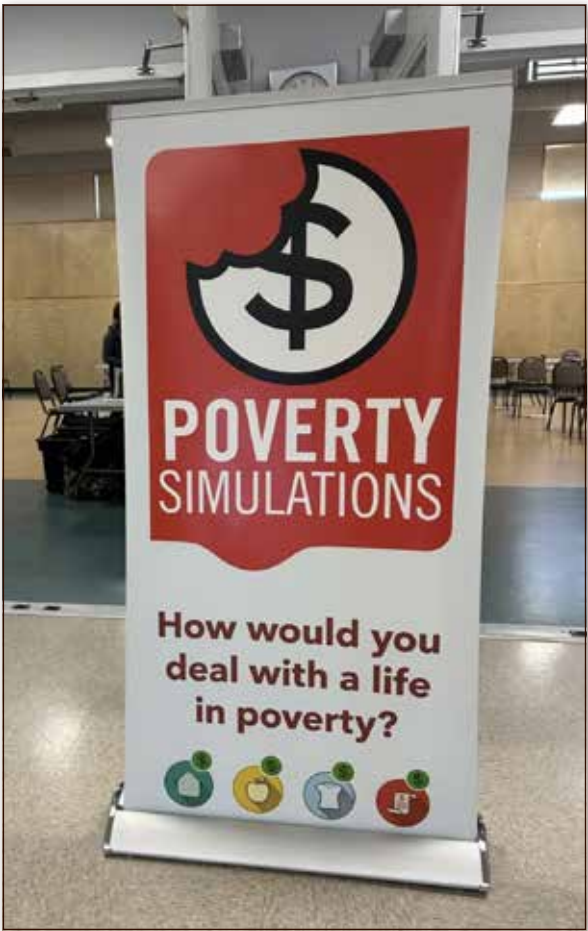
From 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., participants were immersed in a simulated experience reflecting the complex realities of financial insecurity.

Through role-play scenarios based on real-life circumstances, attendees stepped into the shoes of individuals and families trying to navigate life with limited resources – making difficult decisions about housing, employment,

transportation, and food.

The simulation highlighted a striking reality: every day, one in seven people in our communities – including one in six children – face the overwhelming challenges brought on by poverty.

The event was a powerful reminder that poverty is not just a statistic. It affects our neighbours, our friends, and members of our



community in very important milestone real ways. in regional efforts to

The event was deemed a great success, marking an inclusive and empathetic community.



PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1676/25 Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1676/25.

The property owner would like to operate a carbon sequestration facility within a part of NE-29-57-25-W4M. To better address the development, the Land Use Bylaw is proposed to be amended in two ways:

Change the definition of gas processing plant to a more generic description related to the process while also adding a reference to carbon sequestration, thereby reflecting the approval the facility has received from the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER).

The area which is covered by an existing lease is being proposed to be redistricted from AG – Agriculture to I1 – Rural Industry Support. It was determined that the I1 – Rural Industry Support in this instance would reflect the proposed use and help address any potential co-locating development that may not be subject to the same AER oversight.

The proposed development is subject to regulation by the AER, from whom it has received approval. As the development has been approved by the AER, the County is obligated to issue a development permit and make any necessary amendments to the Land Use Bylaw to facilitate the development.

[View the proposed bylaw at sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1676](http://sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1676)

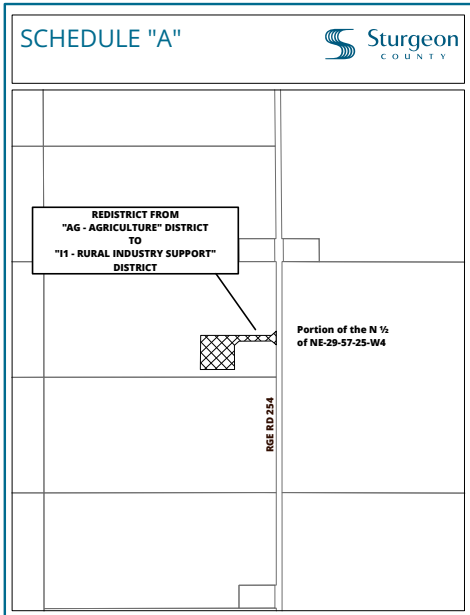
Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on:
Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter)

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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.

Speak via video conference (phone or video call-in)

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you **must** register by April 28 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.



École Georges H. Primeau Middle School cheer team at Provincials on Saturday, April 5. – Photo by École Georges H. Primeau Middle School

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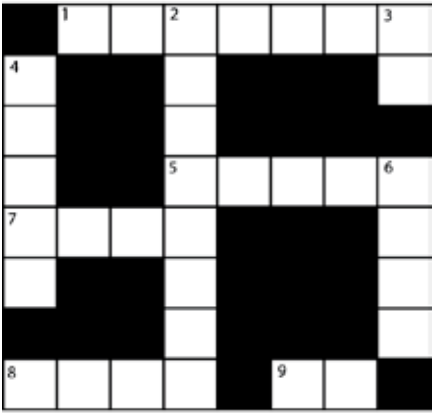
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WE ARE
HIRING



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Where flowers grow
- 5. Where lawns meet the road
- 7. A way to leave
- 8. Green grass
- 9. Not "down"

DOWN

- 2. A response to
- 3. The lower of the Dakotas (abbr.)
- 4. Cuts grass
- 6. Dirt

Get the
PICTURE?



Can you guess what
the bigger picture is?

Answer: Garden gnome



Switching the direction a
person mows the lawn each
week can help the grass
to grow thicker and more
lush over time.



BULLYING HURTS

How they
say
that in...

English: Green
Spanish: Verde
Italian: Verde
French: Vert
German: Grün

NEW
WORD
MULCH

material spread
around or over a
plant to enrich the
soil

Answers:
1. Gardens 2. Curbs 3. Reaction 4. Mower 5. Soil
6. Dirt 7. Exit 8. Lawn 9. Up



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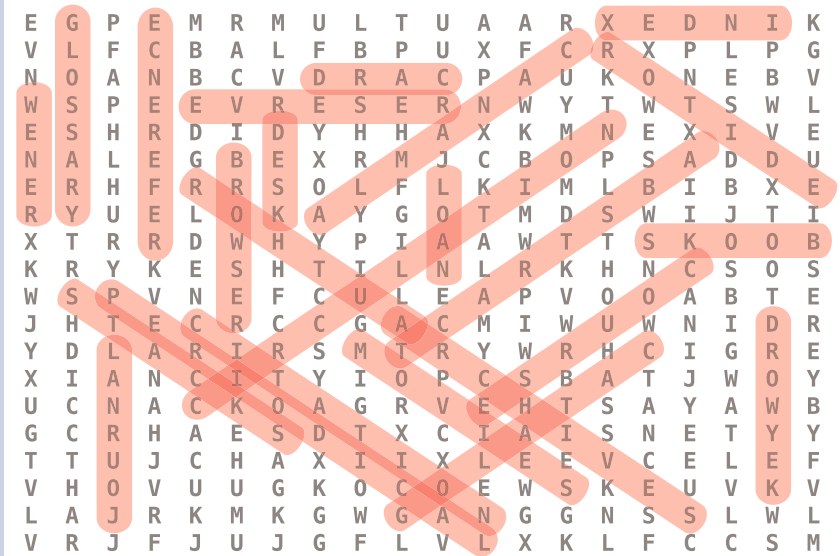
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and security

Science
FACT:

Different species of
this plant grow
better in certain
climates, so
homeowners must
choose carefully.

Answer: Grass (lawn)

PUZZLES SOLUTIONS



WORD SEARCH

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Expect some valuable insight regarding your future to emerge in the next few days, Aries. It won't be difficult to set plans in motion when you have the right people on your side.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, take a breather and give some careful thought to your recent experiences and your expectations going forward. You will benefit from this in the long run.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

You are focused on your work, Gemini. However, distractions are beyond your control right now and will pull your attention away from what matters to higher-ups.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

Romantic endeavors are a little hard to plan and consider right now, Cancer. Just stick to what your intuition is telling you and you will come out just fine in the end.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you might be called upon to be a mediator for friends or loved ones who need a fresh set of eyes. Keep a cool demeanor and a level head and you can lead them to a resolution.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you are drawn to creative projects, but avoid using them to put off other endeavors. These distractions will only delay the inevitable and then you'll be pressed for time.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, carefully schedule your time this week, as you cannot afford to get behind on your assignments at work or in school. You also have many important appointments on the calendar.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, someone comes to you for advice this week and wants you to keep their situation private. You need to help them without betraying their request for confidentiality.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

It is possible your mind will wander this week, Sagittarius. You might not be able to focus on the tasks at hand, and will need to focus extra hard to limit distractions.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, pay attention to detail in all things that you do. Be mindful of this when tending to professional and personal matters.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, the simplest resolution is often the best one. Keep this mind when tackling a perplexing problem in the days ahead.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you are eager to sail through your to-do list, and certain tasks need to be postponed to address those that are high-priority. Rearrange things accordingly.

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