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Morinville Bladz: small-town roots, pro-level skate care

By Shelley Winger

For generations, hockey and skating have been central to life in Morinville.

Families spend evenings and weekends at the rink, players push themselves to new levels, and young children take their first, wobbly strides on the ice.

Now, with Morinville Bladz located inside the Morinville Leisure Centre, the community has a dedicated place where skaters of all ages and skill levels can receive professional skate care – combined with small-town warmth and pride.

The shop's prime location makes it easy for players and parents to access services before or after practices and games.

"Yes, with our

prime location for the hockey community providing them with convenience. We are also working towards educating players and parents on the benefits of our sharpening and how beneficial our profiling system is for players and recreational skaters," says Kiana Maloney, Bladz Manager.

Bladz welcomes walk-ins during business hours, providing flexibility for busy families and athletes.

"Yes we welcome walk-ins during our business hours which are currently Tuesday-Friday 5-8:30 pm and Saturdays from 9am-5pm," Kiana notes.

This accessibility allows skaters to have their equipment maintained without disrupting their schedules.



The Morinville Bladz team, located inside the Morinville Leisure Centre, is proud to bring professional skate sharpening and profiling to the community – small town looking out for small town. – **Morinville Bladz photo**

The team at Morinville Bladz takes pride in building strong, personal relationships with each

skater. Kiana emphasizes that their approach goes beyond sharpening: "We work with

each individual skater to help maximize what's best for their skates, as well we build relationships

with each individual skater making them a part of our Bladz

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Morinville cadet coaches success at Whitehorse



Cadet Austin Halliday coaches a fellow course cadet to aim for success on the range at Whitehorse Cadet Training Centre, in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory on July 24, 2025. – **Photo Credit Lieutenant (Navy) Andrea Kroeker, Unit Public Affairs Representative, Whitehorse Cadet Training Centre. See article on page 2**

Celebrate Grandparents Day at Paradise Acres Ranch

By Haylee Winger

Families and community members are invited to honour Grandparents Day in a truly unique and heartfelt way at Paradise Acres Ranch this Sunday, September 7.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., guests can take part in a morning of meaningful connection, storytelling, and nature-inspired experiences designed to celebrate the bond between generations.

Hosted at the scenic Paradise Acres Ranch, located at 26212 Township Road 552 in Sturgeon County, the event

offers a peaceful retreat into nature with a lineup of thoughtful activities.

The day will begin with a guided Legacy Walk, where participants will reflect on the legacies passed

through generations. Visitors will also enjoy close-up encounters with horses, engaging storytelling sessions, and a hearty chili lunch served

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Morinville cadet coaches success at Whitehorse

By Flight Sergeant David Olaniyanu, Cadet Correspondent, Whitehorse Cadet Training Centre

Halliday is from 3061 1 Combat Engineer Regiment, Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps in Morinville, Alberta and joined other cadets for the four-week Air Rifle Marksmanship Instructor Course at Whitehorse Cadet Training Centre.

The course provides cadets with an opportunity to further their personal marksmanship knowledge and develop as specialists with the skills and subject matter expertise to perform the duties of an Air Rifle Marksmanship Instructor.

Activities include learning marksmanship techniques, instructional methods, and coaching.

Cadets can also advance their marksmanship level qualifications.

“The marksmanship training helps me grow as a coach and mentor,” says Halliday.

“Helping others makes me happy because someone once did that for me when I was new. Now, I get to give that support back.”

Halliday joined 3061 1 Combat Engineers two years ago to challenge himself and develop leadership skills.

He currently serves as the Cadet Second-in-Command (2IC) of his corps, where he helps instruct and support cadets at all levels.

“The start of cadets can feel tough,” he says. “But if you stick with it, those early struggles become the skills you’re most proud of.”

Outside of cadets, Halliday plays bass guitar in his school band and electric guitar in a rock band.

After high school, he plans to explore

joining the Canadian Armed Forces as a member of the Primary Reserves.

Halliday says one of the most rewarding aspects of the course is the strong sense of community.

“There’s a real feeling of familiarity,” he says. “Everyone comes together and makes the experience so much more enjoyable. The best part of cadets is the community,” he adds.

“Outside of the program, people can feel divided but in cadets, we’re united. That sense of belonging is stronger than our differences. I would absolutely recommend the cadet program. It will challenge you, but it will shape you into someone stronger.”

The Cadet Program is open to all youth between the ages of 12 to 18 years of age and provides youth opportunities to develop skills that will last a lifetime

including teamwork and communication.

Youth who are interested in joining the Cadet Program, can do so by visiting the Join the Cadet Program page at Canada.ca or by emailing 3061 1 Combat Engineers

at 3061army@cadets.gc.ca.

Adults are needed to help train, administer, and supervise the local youth involved in the Canadian Cadet Program.

Becoming part of the Canadian Cadet

Organization is easier than you may think, it is a lot of fun, and the skills you learn are likely transferable to your regular employment.

No previous military or cadet experience is required.



Sugar Mumma's Bakery set up shop at the Morinville Farmers' Market on Sunday, August 31, offering a sweet selection of homemade treats for shoppers to enjoy. -Morinville Farmers Market photo



NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY

Form 3

Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: TOWN OF MORINVILLE, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is September 22, 2025 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies
Mayor	1
Councillor	6

Location (Address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:
10125 - 100 Avenue, Civic Hall, 2nd Floor, Morinville, Alberta, T8R 1L6

DATED at the Town of Morinville, in the Province of Alberta, this 3rd day of September 2025.

Rachelle Gilbert
Returning Officer



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Morinville Public Library	Monthly	3 years	4 public members
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	As needed	2 years	3 public members



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Local Authorities Election Act - Section 26

Local Jurisdiction: The Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School Division, Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is Monday, September 22, 2025, and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending at 12:00 Noon on Nomination Day.

Catholic School Board Trustee Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (if Applicable)
City of St. Albert and portions of Sturgeon County south of Highway 37	5	Ward 1
Town of Morinville, Town of Legal, Town of Bon Accord, and portions of Sturgeon County north of Highway 37	2	Ward 2

Ward details and maps can be found on our website:
www.gsacrd.ab.ca/trustees/2025-trustee-election-information-for-candidates



Location (Address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools
 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB T8N 1K2

Dated at the City of St. Albert in the Province of Alberta, this 19th day of August, 2025.

Iva Paulik
 Returning Officer

Nomination forms can be picked up at the above office and forms are also available on the **School Division website (www.gsacrd.ab.ca).**

For more information, contact us:

6 St. Vital Avenue St. Albert, Alberta, Canada T8N 1K2 T: 780.459.7711

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Paradise Acres Ranch

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outdoors.

Admission is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children, with advance registration required.

An optional free community bus is available for those needing transportation, though space is limited to one bus ticket per registration.

Whether you attend with your



Town of Morinville Photo

grandchildren, your grandparents, or on your own, everyone is welcome to join

in a celebration of shared memories, nature, and the spirit of family.

Morinville Bladz

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family. We are small town wanting to support small town, as some of us are born and raised in Morinville and are working for companies in our community. We are of the belief that we are small town looking out for small town. We are working on collaborating with the local hockey clubs for tournaments and apparel.”

Bladz provides a full range of services, including skate sharpening, skate profiling, skate repairs,

alignments, helmet adjustments, skate analysis, and custom team apparel.

Their expertise comes from years of professional-level training. Lead technician Dan Maloney trained in Harrow, Ontario, and has worked at NHL, AHL, IIHF, and WHL levels, giving athletes a chance to maximize performance through custom sharpening and profiling.

The team combines this high-level skill with a commitment to the Morinville community.

They aim to help skaters of all levels – from competitive hockey players to recreational skaters – get the most out of their equipment while fostering a supportive, family-oriented environment.

By collaborating with local hockey clubs, supporting tournaments, and offering team apparel, Bladz strengthens the local skating and hockey culture in ways that extend beyond the ice.

Kiana reinforces the team’s dedication to small-town values

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To submit nomination papers, please make an appointment with the Returning Officer by calling 780-921-3550 or emailing legislativeservices@bonaccord.ca

Office(s)	Number of vacancies
Mayor (Chief Elected Official)	1
Councillor	4

Location of Local Jurisdiction Office:
Town of Bon Accord
5025 - 50th Avenue
Bon Accord, Alberta

DATED at the Town of Bon Accord, in the Province of Alberta, this 27th day of August 2025.

Jessica Spaidal
Returning Officer

Sturgeon County VOTES

2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY

FORM 3 Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)
 LOCAL JURISDICTION: Sturgeon County, Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is **September 22, 2025** and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on **January 1, 2025** and ending at **12:00 noon** on Nomination Day.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Division Number
Mayor	1	At Large
Councillor	1	1
Councillor	1	2
Councillor	1	3
Councillor	1	4
Councillor	1	5
Councillor	1	6

Location of Local Jurisdiction Office: **Sturgeon County Centre**
 9613-100 Street
 Morinville, Alberta, T8R 1L9

DATED at the Town of Morinville, in the Province of Alberta, this 22 day of August, 2025.

(Returning Officer, Melodie Steele)

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Of the 1661 tickets issued, 789 were for speeding, 34 for distracted driving, and 19 for not wearing a seatbelt.

Additionally, 99 impaired drivers were removed from the roads. 70 drivers received Immediate Roadside Sanction (IRS) FAILs and 19 received IRS WARNs.

Unfortunately, over the long weekend, there were 54 collisions which caused injuries, resulting in 4 deaths.

“Fatal motor vehicle collisions are often avoidable,” says Sgt.

Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic, “and we are reminded of this every long weekend when lives are lost due to factors such as drugs, alcohol, and speeding.”

Your Alberta RCMP is urging everyone to remember that there is no reason to get behind the wheel if you are impaired. If road conditions are unfavourable, consider delaying travel until they improve, and always give yourself extra time to get where you are going.

Traffic safety is a shared responsibility. Call 911 if you observe dangerous driving.

For more traffic safety information, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and X @RCMPAlberta.



It's going to be an unforgettable season on the ice! – Sturgeon Hockey Club photos



Notice of Nomination Day

Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)

The Sturgeon Public School Division

Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is Monday, September 22, 2025 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the offices listed in Table 1 will be received at Sturgeon Public School Division at 9820 - 104 St, Morinville, within the period beginning September 1, 2025 and ending at 12:00 noon on September 22.

Sturgeon Public School Division
 Frank Robinson Education Centre
 9820 - 104 Street
 Morinville, AB T8R 1L8
 Telephone: 780-939-4341

DATED at Morinville in the Province of Alberta this 1st day of September 2025.

Sean Nicholson
 corporate.services@sturgeon.ab.ca
 Returning Officer

Office	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number
Trustee	One	One
Trustee	One	Two
Trustee	One	Three
Trustee	One	Four
Trustee	One	Five
Trustee	One	Six
Trustee	One	Seven

Table 1: Trustee Election Offices, Vacancies, and Corresponding Wards (2025)

Uneven terrain: Regional labour markets in Alberta

By Rob Roach,
ATB ECONOMICS

The monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a powerful tool for tracking change in the job market.

But, like all sample surveys, its reliability suffers the more you zero-in on specific parts of the sample.

This is why we tend to focus on the national and provincial results rather than specific communities or regions.

To get around this, we can look at change over a larger block of time, which is what we do in today's Twenty-Four with regard to the seven regions* of Alberta for which Statistics Canada provides LFS results.

Averaging the LFS results over the first seven months of the year, we find that the unemployment rate is lower in the regions outside the Edmonton and Calgary areas. The Camrose-Drumheller

region had the lowest rate at 5.8% compared to 7.5% in the Edmonton region and 7.6% in the Calgary region.

Why are unemployment rates higher in Calgary and Edmonton?

The main factor is these regions have experienced particularly fast population and labour force growth since 2022.

Jobs have risen, but the number of people entering these markets and looking

for work has shot up even faster.

For example, so far this year, employment in Calgary has risen an impressive 4.7%, but the labour force has grown at a faster clip of 5.1%.

The result has been an increase in that region's unemployment rate.

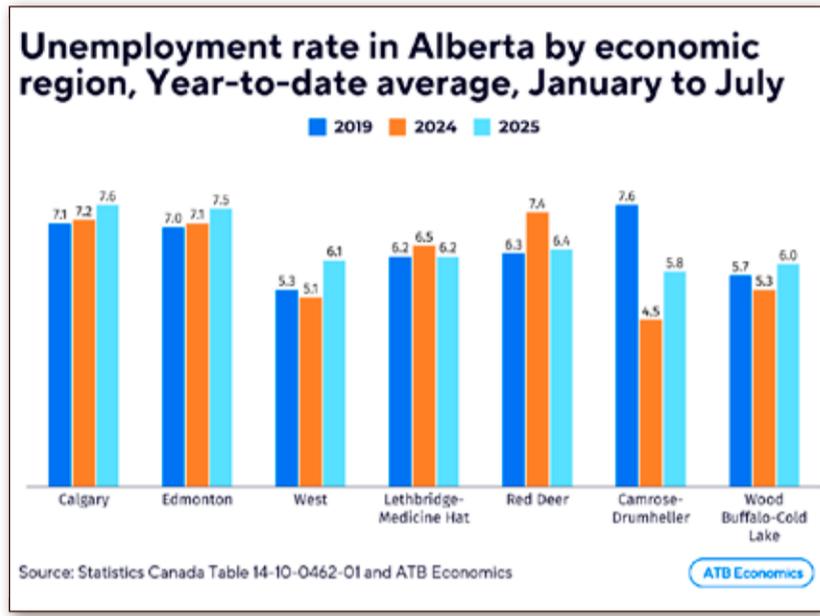
How have regional labour markets fared over time? A natural baseline is 2019, before the pandemic was declared. The regions with year-to-date

employment gains since 2019 are Camrose-Drumheller (+20.0%), Calgary (+18.4%), Edmonton (+9.5%), Lethbridge-Medicine Hat (+8.4%) and Red Deer (+8.0%), while Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake (-1.6%) and the West (-1.4%) posted declines.

*There are eight economic regions in Alberta:

- Lethbridge-Medicine Hat
- Camrose-Drumheller
- Calgary
- Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House
- Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River

- Red Deer
 - Edmonton
 - Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake
- Statistics Canada combines Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House and Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River together in its LFS results. We refer to this region as the West.



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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

You might be anxious to say what's on your mind this week, Aries. Words are on the tip of your tongue and you aren't afraid of letting them fly. Expect some feedback from others.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you are not going to meet new people if you stay indoors all of the time. Get out there and try something new. You can bond with others over an activity or a hobby.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Make sure you are taking care of yourself as well as you are taking care of others, Taurus. Handle any tasks that require a lot of brain power first, then move on to something fun.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, don't waste your time this week by tiptoeing around. Throw caution to the wind and engage in activities that will provide solid opportunities for growth.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21

Do your thing this week and don't worry about how others feel about it, Gemini. Take control of an issue when you see that something needs to get done.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

A powerful force is guiding your actions this week, Sagittarius. Utilize this as motivation to complete an important task.

CANCER

June 22/July 22

You are thinking clearly this week, Cancer. Do your best with the tools you are given right now. You might need to direct others, but generally let them do their own thing.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Be confident in your thoughts and actions, Capricorn. If you don't believe in what you are saying, how can you convince others to back your efforts?

LEO

July 23/Aug 23

You do not need an invitation to speak your mind, Leo. Express yourself how you see fit and give others plenty of opportunity to have their say as well. The conversation will flow.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, someone is bound to say something meaningful to you if you keep an open ear to all conversation around you. Speak less and listen more for the time being.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, there is a great deal of power behind your thoughts, so use it wisely. Take this energy to work and see if you can channel it to your professional benefit.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, ideas and influences from others can transform your thinking. That can help propel you out of the pattern of actions that may be holding you back.



Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.
AKCB OT HSLOOC

Answer: Back to school

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

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How they say that in...

English: Carry
Spanish: Llevar
Italian: Portare
French: Porter
German: Tragen

NEW WORD

LOAD

a heavy or bulky thing being carried

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Backpack

Did You Know?

Backpacks aren't just for school. They are important gear when hiking or camping, and should be packed so they are not too heavy.

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