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Mayor Boersma acclaimed for second term: a steady vision for Morinville's future

By Shelley Winger

With no challenger stepping forward in this year's municipal election, Morinville Mayor Simon Boersma has been acclaimed for another term – a result that he describes as both an honour and a responsibility to continue serving the community with integrity. “Being acclaimed is humbling,” Boersma said. “It’s an acknowledgment of trust from residents, but it’s also a reminder that leadership is

about service, not politics. That’s been my guiding principle since day one.” Boersma first put his name forward for mayor four years ago, motivated by a deep belief that Morinville’s best years are still ahead. At the time, the community was navigating challenges related to growth, finances, and trust in local government. Boersma, a longtime resident and business owner, saw an opportunity to bring people together and restore a sense of

collaboration. “My original inspiration to run for mayor came from a belief that Morinville’s best years are still ahead – and that leadership rooted in service can help get us there,” he said. “I wanted to bring council, administration, and residents together around shared goals. Strong communities are built when people feel heard, respected, and valued.” Over his first term, Boersma focused on stabilizing governance, strengthening

partnerships, and ensuring Morinville continued to grow responsibly. His approach has been to blend practical leadership with open communication

– principles that he believes will be just as important in the years ahead. As Morinville moves into its next chapter, Boersma says the town is at a pivotal

stage – one that requires careful planning and thoughtful leadership. “Morinville is maturing,” he said. Continued on **page 2**



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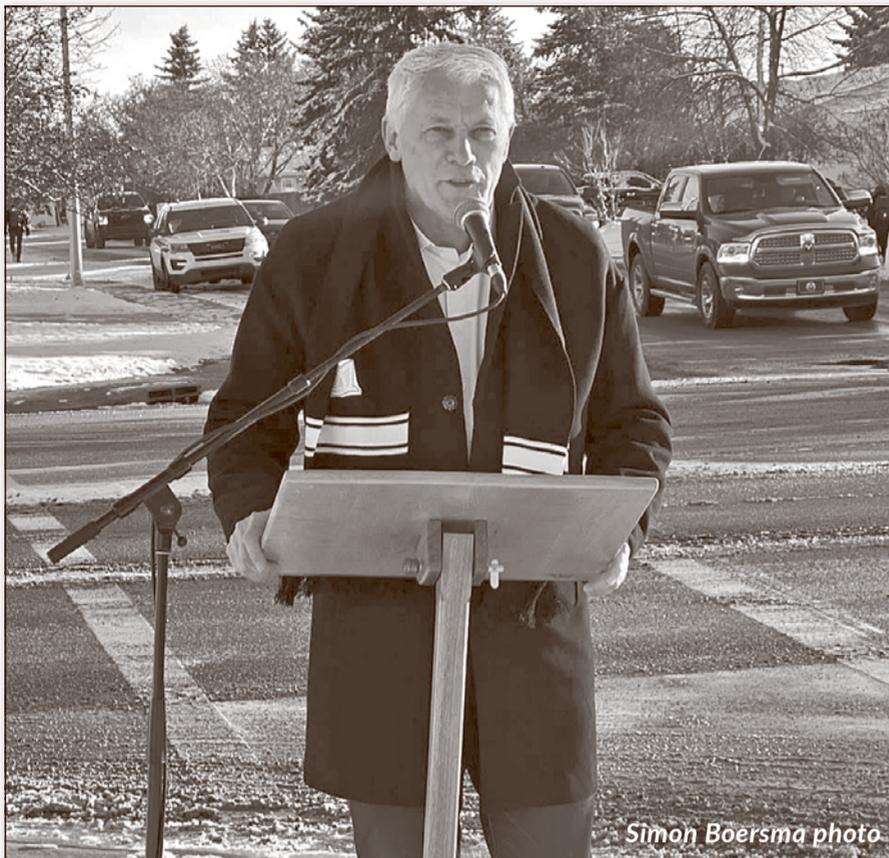
Mayor Boersma

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“We’re not just expanding in size – we’re evolving as a community. We’re managing the realities of growth, aging infrastructure, and fiscal pressures, while continuing to make this a great place to live and raise a family.”

Among the key projects on the horizon are revitalizing Morinville’s downtown core, advancing infrastructure renewal, and improving transportation links such as Cardiff Road and Boundary Road. Boersma also emphasized the importance of ensuring that residential growth is balanced with opportunities for business and light industrial development – a strategy aimed at creating both jobs and a more diverse tax base.

Morinville, like many growing communities, faces the challenge of aging infrastructure and



limited financial resources. Boersma says the goal is not simply to spend more, but to invest wisely.

“We need to continue addressing our roads, water lines, and facilities, but do so with a balanced and transparent financial approach,” he said. “It’s about smart

investment, not just more spending.”

Boersma is a strong believer in regional collaboration. Through partnerships with organizations like Edmonton Global and the Sturgeon Regional Partnership, Morinville is working to attract new industries, strengthen local businesses, and

create a more sustainable economy.

“Collaboration is key,” he said. “No community succeeds in isolation. By working together with our regional partners, we can bring new opportunities that benefit everyone.”

Perhaps most importantly, Boersma wants to continue

building a stronger sense of connection between council, administration, and residents.

“Local government should be the most personal, accessible, and transparent level of leadership there is,” he said. “When people feel involved and informed, we all move forward together.”

Boersma acknowledges that the path ahead is not without challenges. Balancing growth with affordability remains a pressing issue, as does ensuring that infrastructure keeps pace with the needs of a growing population.

“Provincial down-loading continues to put pressure on municipalities,” he explained. “We’re being asked to do more with less, which makes efficiency and collaboration more important than ever.”

At the same time, Boersma remains focused on protecting what makes Morinville special – its strong sense of

community, safety, and identity.

“The challenge isn’t just to manage growth, but to guide it responsibly,” he said. “We want Morinville to remain a place where families, businesses, and future generations can thrive.”

For Boersma, Morinville’s story has never been about one individual or one council – it’s about the collective spirit of a community that shows up for one another.

“Every decision we make should strengthen that fabric,” he said. “That’s why I ran, and that’s why I continue to serve. Together, we’ll keep building on the progress we’ve made and shaping a future that reflects the best of who we are.”

As he prepares for another term in office, Boersma’s message to residents is simple but clear: Morinville’s future starts with listening – and with working together.

Notable activities from the month of September

On September 7, Morinville RCMP responded to a theft complaint from a business in Calahoo.

The suspect fled the scene but was arrested soon after in a vehicle stolen from Sherwood Park.

A 33-year-old woman from the Alexander First Nation has been charged with theft and possession of stolen property.

A 28-year-old man from the Alexander First Nation has also been charged with possession of stolen property.

On September 8, Morinville RCMP located two suspects in possession of a stolen truck on Range Road 242, west of Bon Accord.

The suspects were stripping parts from the vehicle at the time and attempted to flee from police but were quickly arrested.

A 29-year-old man from Edmonton and a 39-year-old man

RCMP

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from Morinville have both been charged with possession of stolen property, property damage, and failing to comply with previous release conditions.

The 39-year-old suspect has also been charged with resisting arrest.

On September 10, Morinville RCMP responded to a complaint of a suspicious vehicle on Township Road 540, south of Villeneuve.

Police arrested two suspects who were in possession of a truck and trailer stolen from St. Albert.

An all-terrain vehicle stolen from Edmonton was also located, along with a taser and numerous items believed to be used to break into properties.

A 27-year-old man from Leduc and a 47-year-old man from Stony Plain were both arrested and charged with several counts of possessing stolen property, possession of break-in instruments, weapons-related charges, and failing to comply with a probation order.

On September 11, Morinville RCMP arrested a man who had intentionally set a grass fire in the ditch of Highway 2, north of St. Albert.

A 39-year-old man from Montreal Lake, Saskatchewan, was arrested and charged with arson.

On September 17, Morinville RCMP executed a search warrant at a residence in Bon Accord following a report of a

2025 Unofficial Election Results



MAYOR:
Simon Boersma has been acclaimed for a second term as Mayor (2025–2029).

COUNCILLOR:

2025 COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES	
Anheliger, Jenn	893 Votes - Elected
Duliba, Daryn	620 Votes - Elected
Himschoot, Nathan	766 Votes - Elected
Parenteau, Lisa	878 Votes - Elected
Quillian, Stasia	583 Votes
St. Denis, Maurice	1,031 Votes - Elected
Wood, Jayson	752 Votes - Elected

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Morinville.ca/Election

disturbance in that area.

Multiple drugs, including fentanyl, crack cocaine, methamphetamine, and unstamped cigarettes were seized, along

with a shotgun, taser, prohibited magazines, and three stolen vehicles.

A 38-year-old man from Bon Accord and a 30-year-old man from Bon Accord were

arrested and charged with drug possession, drug trafficking, possession of stolen property, weapons-related charges,

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Grade 5 student becomes principal for a day at Four Winds Public School

By Haylee Winger

It was a big day for one young leader at Four Winds Public School earlier this month. On October 2, just before the school strike, 10-year-old Grade 5 student Alexa de Champlain stepped into the role of principal for the day – and she says it was an experience she'll never forget.

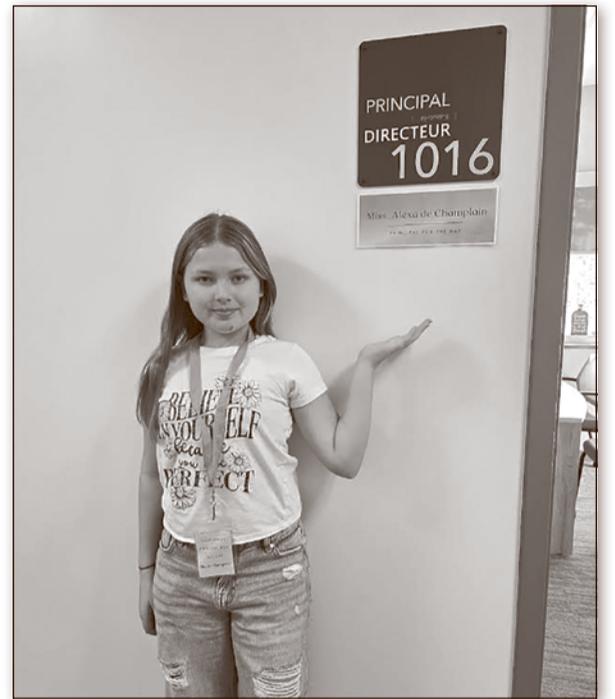
"It was really fun, and I liked being the principal," said Alexa.

Alexa earned the opportunity by raising the most individual funds for the Terry Fox Foundation during the school's annual Terry Fox Run.

She went door-to-door around her Morinville neighbourhood, collecting just over \$300.



Four Winds Public School Photos



As acting principal, Alexa made the morning announcements, walked through classrooms, and helped organize the school's annual pizza day for new students.

One of the biggest surprises of her day was the number of phone calls she received from Sturgeon

School Division principals and members from Central Office who reached out asking for her help.

If Alexa could have implemented one new rule, she already had an idea in mind.

She said she "would have loved to implement an extra recess for everyone."

Principal Gidget Bouchard was more

than happy to trade places for the day and said the experience was a highlight.

"Alexa showed great leadership and school spirit throughout the day," said Bouchard.

"She brought so much enthusiasm, and it was a pleasure to see."

While Alexa led the school, Madame

Bouchard joined the Grade 5 students in their classrooms, even taking notes for Alexa.

The students were thrilled to have their principal sitting beside them as a classmate for the day.

The Principal for a

Day event was part of the school's Terry Fox Run fundraising initiative and served as a fun way to celebrate student effort and leadership – a bright spot in the school community just before classes paused for the strike.



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Council Meetings: SturgeonCounty.ca/CouncilMeetings

Board and Committee Meetings: SturgeonCounty.ca/Boards

Public Hearings: SturgeonCounty.ca/Notices

Capital Committee & Budget Meeting	Nov 4	9:00 AM
Budget Meeting	Nov 5	9:00 AM
Youth Advisory Meeting	Nov 5	6:00 PM
Budget Meeting	Nov 6	9:00 AM
Remembrance Day	Nov 11	Closed
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing	Nov 12	2:00 PM
Economic Development Advisory Board	Nov 13	1:00 PM
Community Services Advisory Board	Nov 17	6:00 PM
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing	Nov 18	2:00 PM
ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC)	Nov 20	9:00 AM
Agricultural Service Board	Nov 20	10:30 AM
Transportation Advisory Committee	Nov 20	6:00 PM
Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee	Nov 24	9:00 AM
Budget Meeting	Nov 26	9:00 AM
Budget Meeting	Nov 27	9:00 AM

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TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21



This week is a great time to focus on the simple pleasures in life, Taurus. Enjoy a cozy night in or savor a delicious meal. Spending time in nature is another way to pass the time.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21



Gemini, you may find yourself drawn to new subjects and interesting people this week. It's an excellent time for reading a book outside of your typical genre or learning a new skill.

CANCER

June 22/July 22



Harmony and warmth are abundant in your home right now, Cancer. This is the ideal week to strengthen bonds with family and loved ones. Think about making a homecooked meal.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23



Leo, your natural charisma is shining, making this the ideal week to express yourself or take on a leadership role. Your enthusiasm may lead others to be on your team.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22



Virgo, this is a week to tackle any organizational ideas that you have had on your mind. Even if you handle small projects around the house or elsewhere, you'll create calm and exercise control.

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LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23



Your diplomatic and charming nature will help you navigate social situations with ease this week, Libra. In fact, new relationships could be the highlight of your week.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22



An opportunity for insightful self-reflection and personal growth comes your way, Scorpio. Get ready to let go of old habits and embrace a new, more confident version of yourself.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21



Sagittarius, adventure is calling your name this week and you will feel a strong urge to explore. Perhaps planning a trip or trying a new activity can fill the urge?

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20



Capricorn, this week a professional goal you have been working on will finally reach a breakthrough. Stay focused and disciplined, and you will find yourself achieving a great deal.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18



Capricorn, this week a professional goal you have been working on will finally reach a breakthrough. Stay focused and disciplined, and you will find yourself achieving a great deal.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20



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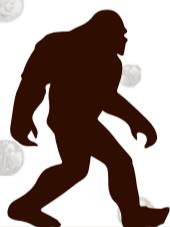
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and failing to comply with prior release conditions.

On September 22, Morinville RCMP responded to a pickup truck that had rolled into the ditch on Highway 28 near Bon Accord.

Police arrived and found that the vehicle

had been stolen from Calgary and the driver had fled on foot into a nearby field.

The suspect was soon arrested with assistance from police dog services.

A 34-year-old man from Edmonton has been charged with impaired driving by drug, dangerous driving, driving while

prohibited, resisting arrest, possession of stolen property, failing to remain at the scene of an accident, and two counts of failing to comply with prior release conditions.

On September 30, Morinville RCMP stopped a car in the parking lot of a business in Gibbons.

Five occupants were arrested after officers observed illegal drugs, including crystal meth, in the vehicle.

A further search of the vehicle located open liquor, a sawed-off rifle, several knives, and tools believed to be used for breaking into properties.

A 32-year-old woman from Lac La Biche, a 34-year-old man from Edmonton, a 34-year-old woman from Kikino, a 37-year-old man from Buffalo Lake, and a 40-year-old woman from Buffalo Lake have been charged with numerous drugs and weapons-related

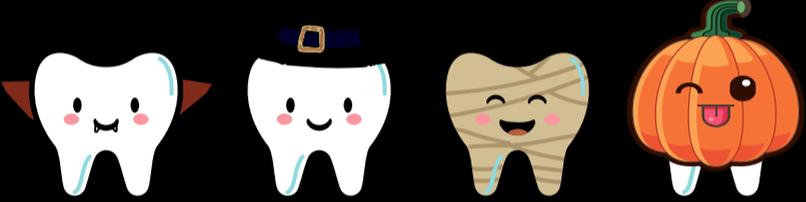
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REDUCED TO \$499,900

FAMILY HOME ON 3 ACRES IN WESTLOCK COUNTY

Great family home on gorgeous 3 acres a few minutes NW of Westlock, about a 1/2 hour to St Albert. Room for everyone in this 1770 sq ft 5 bdrm, 3 bath bungalow. Substantial upgrades over the past 20 years include siding, soffits, paint, HOT WATER ON DEMAND, high efficiency furnace, wood stove, and back deck. In 2018 CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING was added along with a GENSET SYSTEM which automatically turns on if the power goes out and powers the whole house. At that time new flooring and a maintenance free front deck were also added. Other features are IN FLOOR HEATING in basement, pantry, 3 pce ensuite with soaker tub, main floor laundry, main floor office, back up sump pump system. Heated garage built in 2016 has 2 floor drains and a handy back porch area for boots and coats. Main floor also has a large flex room and office space. Garden area and raised garden beds, storage sheds, mature trees and view from front deck of a small lake complete this great property. Even room for animals on this 3 acres. **\$499,900. Call Heather to view.**



NEW

YOUR DREAM BUILD AWAITS!

1.52 Acres of sloped land in the Hillsborough subdivision! Great opportunity to build a beautiful walk out home, with mature trees at the back of the property offering privacy from the neighbors. ON PAVEMENT all the way to Hwy 28, 10 mins from Gibbons and 30 mins from Edmonton. **\$180,000. Call Glenn for more info.**



NEW

AFFORDABLE FAMILY HOME IN REDWATER



Great opportunity to own this 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home with a double attached garage and just under 1500 sq ft of living space. The entire upper floor can be a spacious primary suite with 4 pce bath or fantastic play area for the kids-flexible to suit your lifestyle. The main floor features an open kitchen/living room, 2 bedrooms, 4 pce bath plus a handy space for home office right off the the living area. Step outside to enjoy the private, treed backyard with a deck and hottub-perfect for relaxing or entertaining. Upgrades include some windows, high efficient furnace and 2 jetted tubs. This home offers comfort, great value, and room for your family to grow, all in a quiet Redwater neighborhood, close to schools and parks. **\$249,900. Call Janine to view.**



COMMERCIAL LOT IN THORHILD

1.24 acres of open land ready to develop into your commercial endeavor. High level land on the outskirts of the Hamlet of Thorhild. Paved road in front, gravel road on one side. Utilities are nearby. Thorhild is a small hamlet with lots of potential for growth and new business. Located approximately an hour NE of Edmonton. **\$59,900. Call Heather for more info.**



TWO 3.09 ACRE PARCELS IN STURGEON COUNTY

2 great building sites in Pinewood Estates, less than 1/2 hour to Edmonton. The corner lot has trees planted all along the north and west boundary. The adjacent lot has planted trees along the north side and natural bush all along the east. Great opportunity for family or friends who want to build next door to each other. Or if you want a larger parcel buy them both. Listed at **\$84,900** for one and **\$94,900** for the other.

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