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524 Sturgeon Air Cadet Squadron celebrates 75 years of service and legacy

By Haylee Winger

The 524 Sturgeon Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron celebrated a remarkable milestone on Saturday, October 4, marking 75 years of service

to Sturgeon County and the surrounding area. The celebration was held at the Bon Accord Community Hall, drawing alumni, dignitaries, families, and current cadets

for a day of reflection, pride, and ceremony. The event began with final preparations under a banner of “spit and polish,” as cadets readied the hall with indoor and outdoor displays.

A large handmade welcome banner, created by cadet members, set the tone for the day. The displays showcased the squadron's rich history, including airfield demonstrations, drill and survival displays, introductory weapons training, and the popular “Sgt Says” competition.

Inside, attendees browsed through tables lined with photographs, certificates, and albums documenting the evolution of the squadron through the decades.

A video presentation highlighted cadet training and past activities, while a binder filled with positive testimonials from

alumni spoke to the enduring impact of the cadet experience on their lives and careers. Among the many success stories celebrated was that of Nicole Cloutier, a Bon Accord teenager who, around 1950, made Canadian Armed Forces history by becoming the first woman to be named top recruit in a combat platoon.

Though she had enrolled in the Navy Administration stream, Cloutier was mistakenly placed in a combat platoon for her basic training – yet rose to the challenge, earning the Commandant's Shield Award after what she described as

the “most grueling 10 weeks” of her life. Another notable alum was Cadet Sergeant Marian Graca, who in 1978 was awarded a technical training scholarship at CFB Borden.

He spent six weeks learning vehicle maintenance and building connections with cadets from across Canada. The lower level of the hall hosted a lunch for attendees, a silent auction, and a cake-cutting ceremony led by Commanding Officer Capt. Gilles Dion and Squadron Commander Warrant Officer First Class Angelena MacArthur.

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524 Sturgeon RSACS with Commanding Officer Capt Gilles Dion, MP St. Albert -Edmonton Michael Cooper, Sqn Commander WO1 Angelena MacArthur, Cadet Admin Officer Carolyne Hutchings, Training Officer Capt. Brodie Moore. - Lucie Roy Photo

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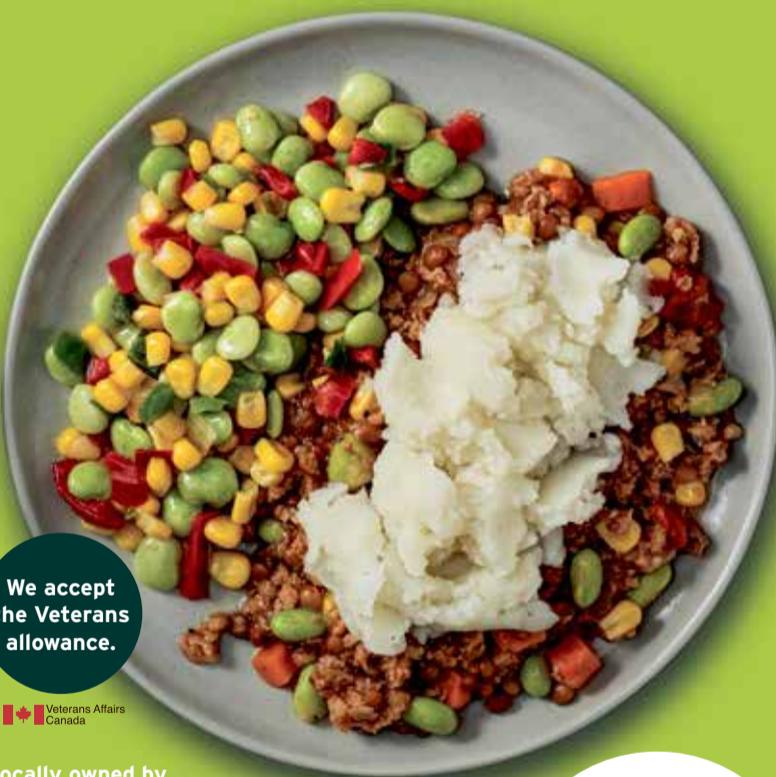
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Teamwork in action at the Morinville Fire Hall Open House

By Haylee Winger

On Saturday, October 4, the Morinville Fire Hall opened its doors for its annual Open House event, bringing together community members, first responders, and local partners for a day full of education, connection, and fun.

The event offered residents a valuable chance to refresh their safety knowledge and engage directly with the people who work tirelessly to keep the community safe.

Attendees enjoyed a welcoming atmosphere where they



Town of Morinville Photos

could learn practical safety tips and participate in activities designed to promote awareness.

One of the highlights was a complimentary hot dog lunch, made

possible by the generous support of Chris and Tracey's Morinville No Frills, who kindly provided all the groceries needed for the meal.

To complement the lunch, Tim Hortons Morinville offered coffee, hot chocolate, and Tim-bits, providing a warm and tasty treat for visitors throughout the day.

The event would not have been possible without the dedication of the Community Safety

team and the paid-on-call firefighters, whose enthusiasm and professionalism were evident throughout the open house.

Also contributing to the success of the day were members of the Morinville RCMP, who brought energy and engagement, making sure attendees had a memorable experience.

This Open House is a perfect example

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Also in attendance was Jennifer MacArthur, Chair of the Parent Sponsor Committee, who played a key role in organizing the milestone event.

Dignitaries joined in the celebration, including Michael Cooper, Member of

Parliament for St. Albert-Edmonton, who presented the squadron with a Congratulatory Certificate and praised its long-standing contribution to youth development in the region.

A highlight for many was reconnecting with fellow alumni.

Among those

reminiscing about their cadet days were Kevin Kowalski, Kirk and Tom Carleton, Hugh Allen, Dwayne Everett, and Kendall Lewis, who proudly posed beside the cadet uniform he donated for display.

Also in attendance was Carolyn Hutchings, currently serving as the squadron's Administration Officer.

Hutchings holds a special place in the squadron's history as the first female graduate of 524 Sturgeon Air Cadets in 1978 and the first female cadet from the unit to participate in a foreign exchange program to the United States.

A Proud History

The roots of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets date back to the early 1940s, when a group of influential civilians and military officials envisioned a youth program to prepare young Canadians for potential service in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF).

The Air Cadet League of Canada was officially founded on November 11, 1940, and granted a Dominion Charter on April 9, 1941, enabling it to operate as a national non-profit organization.

The formation of 524 Sturgeon Squadron was officially approved by the Department of National Defence on October 5, 1950, and affiliated with the Air Cadet League of Canada.

Originally known as the Redwater Squadron, with sub-branches in Bon Accord and Namao, the squadron underwent several changes in name and location. It was eventually renamed the No. 524 Bon Accord Squadron and finally became known as the 524 Sturgeon Royal Canadian Air Cadets.

The squadron's emblem incorporates both a sturgeon and an osprey, symbolizing strength, agility, and heritage.

In 1975, the Canadian Armed Forces

officially opened the Cadet Program to female participants, and this year marks the 50th anniversary of female inclusion – a milestone proudly reflected in the squadron's history and celebrated through the legacy of leaders like Hutchings and Cloutier.

The 75th anniversary celebration was not just a look back, but a proud affirmation of

the values that continue to guide 524 Sturgeon Squadron: leadership, citizenship, community service, and excellence.

For more information about the 524 Sturgeon Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, including enrollment or volunteer opportunities, visit the squadron's official website or contact their administration office.



Cake cutting with CO Capt Gilles Dion and Sqn Commander WO1 Angelena MacArthur. - Lucie Roy Photo



Alumni members at the event, Kevin Kowalski, Kirk Carleton, Tom Carleton, Hugh Allen, Dwayne Everett and Kendall Lewis. - Trina Lewis Photo



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Notice is hereby given that the 2025 Supplementary Assessment Roll for Sturgeon County used for 2025 Property Taxation, completed under the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, has been prepared and is open for inspection Monday to Friday during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MST, at Sturgeon County Centre (9613-100 Street, Morinville, Alberta). Details of your 2025 Supplementary Assessment can be requested by contacting an assessor at 780-939-0601 or assessment@SturgeonCounty.ca.

NOTICES MAILED BY COURIER

October 9, 2025

Only residents with improvements completed in 2025 will receive a 2025 supplementary assessment tax notice.

TAXES ARE DUE

November 17, 2025



Complaint deadline

December 16, 2025

If you have a concern about your Supplementary Assessment, please talk to your assessor before filing a complaint. Most concerns can be resolved before going before the Assessment Review Board. To file a formal complaint with the Assessment Review Board, you must submit a complaint form by December 16, 2025. You can access the form online at SturgeonCounty.ca/Assessment.

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Notice of Election

Local Authorities Elections Act Notice of Election 35 (1)

The Sturgeon Public School Division

Province of Alberta

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the following wards: 1,2,4,5 and 7. There is one vacancy in each ward, and voting will take place on **October 20, 2025**.

In order to vote, you must produce for inspection one or more of the acceptable forms of identification required by section 53 of the Local Authorities Election Act. Please visit the Sturgeon Public School Division Website for additional and the most up to date information regarding elections (<https://www.sturgeon.ab.ca/board/trustee-elections-2025>).



Election Day Voting Station Information

Residents of a Town:

WARD	ELECTION DAY NOTICE, TIME AND LOCATION	
WARD 1 (REDWATER)	10:00AM - 8:00PM	Pembina Place, Redwater
WARD 2 (BON ACCORD/LEGAL)	Town of Legal: 9:00AM - 8:00PM Town of Bon Accord: 9:00AM - 8:00PM	Legal Club 60 Roses Jewel Box, Bon Accord
WARD 5 (MORINVILLE)	8:00AM - 8:00PM	Morinville Community Cultural Centre
WARD 7 (GIBBONS)	10:00AM - 8:00PM	Gibbons Cultural Centre

Residents of Sturgeon County:

You must attend the voting station with Sturgeon County's Divisions where you reside, the applicable School Division Ward ballot will be provided. Sturgeon County's Division Map: <https://sturgeoncounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/PublicInformation/index.html?appid=76577a5e14254dea824dbcf6f866d0e9>



COUNTY DIVISION	ELECTION DAY NOTICE, TIME AND LOCATION	
DIVISION 1	9:00am - 8:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cattail Crossing Golf Course • Namao Hall • Fort-in-View Golf Course • Sturgeon Valley Golf Course
DIVISION 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiff Hall • Namao Hall • Sturgeon Valley Golf Course
DIVISION 3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calahoo Community Hall • Rivière Qui Barre Arena • Villeneuve Community Hall
DIVISION 5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewel Box, Bon Accord • Legal Club 60 Roses
DIVISION 6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronado Hall • Gibbons Legion • Redwater Pioneer Club • Edmonton Garrison Curling Club





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Election Day: October 20, 2025

LOCAL JURISDICTION: TOWN OF MORINVILLE,
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

NOTICE OF ELECTION, ADVANCE VOTING AND REQUIREMENTS
FOR VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given:

That an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Local Authorities Election Act

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
Councillor	6	Town of Morinville
<i>Additionally, residents vote for their choice of one of the two school board trustee elections:</i>		
Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic Separate School Division	2	Morinville residents vote for Ward 2
Sturgeon Public School Division	1	Morinville residents vote for Ward 5

Voting will take place on the 20th day of October, 2025, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The voting station will be located at: Morinville Community Cultural Centre, 9502 100 Avenue, Morinville.

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

Notice of Advance Voting

Advance voting has been arranged for electors who wish to vote prior to Election Day, October 20, 2025.

Advance voting will take place on the following dates, time and locations:

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
Saturday, October 11	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Morinville Community Cultural Centre, 9502 100 Avenue, Morinville
Thursday, October 16	4 to 8 p.m.	
Saturday, October 18	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	

In order to vote, you must produce one or more identification for inspection as required by Section 53 of the Local Authorities Election Act. Visit www.morinville.ca/election for more information on the forms of identifications that can be accepted.

DATED at the Town of Morinville, in the Province of Alberta, this 23rd day of September, 2025.

Rachelle Gilbert

Returning Officer

Additional Voting Options

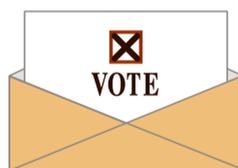


Institutional Voting Station

Institutional Voting Stations will be established on Election Day (October 20, 2025) for the residents of:

Heritage Lodge,
10015 101 Avenue; and

Alberta Health Services Aspen House,
9706 100 Avenue.



Special Ballot

Electors who are unable to attend the voting station on Election Day (October 20, 2025) or during an advance voting opportunity because of physical incapacity, absence from the local jurisdiction or by being an appointed election worker outside of Morinville may apply for a Special Ballot package.

Contact the Returning Officer for details:

Phone: 780-939-4361, or

Email: elections@morinville.ca



Elector Assistance at Home

Electors at home, who by physical incapacity are unable to attend a voting station or advance voting opportunity can request to have two Deputy Returning Officers visit their residence within Morinville to cast their vote on Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Contact the Returning Officer for details:

Phone: 780-939-4361, or

Email: elections@morinville.ca

For more information, please visit www.morinville.ca/election



Kindergarten student shows off his yellow-themed sun drawing during Yellow Day at Morinville Public School. - Morinville Public School photo

Morinville Fire Hall Open House
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of the strong partnerships and community spirit that make Morinville such a great place to live, work, and play.

The Town extends sincere thanks to everyone who came out to participate, as well as to all the local businesses and agencies that helped make the event a success.

Their combined efforts ensured the day was not only educational but also welcoming and enjoyable for all ages.



Sturgeon County:



Advance Polling Dates and Times



Morinville Community Cultural Centre,
9502 100 Avenue, Morinville, Alberta
Saturday, October 11, 2025 - 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Thursday, October 16, 2025 - 4:00PM to 8:00PM
Saturday, October 18, 2025 - 9:00AM to 3:00PM

For more information visit
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Election Day Polling Stations

OCTOBER 20
9:00AM to 8:00PM

<p>Division 1: Cattail Crossing Golf Course - 24427 Township Rd 542, Sturgeon County</p> <p>Fort-in-View Golf Course - 55028 Range Rd 230, Sturgeon County</p> <p>Namao Hall - 24400 AB-37, Namao</p> <p>Sturgeon Valley Golf Course - 25114 Sturgeon Rd, Sturgeon County</p>	<p>Division 2: Cardiff Hall - 55320 Range Rd 251, Sturgeon County</p> <p>Namao Hall - 24400 AB-37, Namao</p> <p>Sturgeon Valley Golf Course - 25114 Sturgeon Rd, Sturgeon County</p>
<p>Division 3: Calahoo Community Hall - #9, 54500 Range Rd 275, Sturgeon County</p> <p>Rivière Qui Barre Arena - #145A, 26500 Hwy 44, Sturgeon County</p> <p>Villeneuve Community Hall - 54200 Range Rd 265 #61, Sturgeon County</p>	<p>Division 4: Alcomdale Community Hall - 400 Union Avenue, Alcomdale</p> <p>Legal Club 60 Roses - 5215 46 Street, Legal</p> <p>Rivière Qui Barre Arena - #145A, 26500 Hwy 44, Sturgeon County</p> <p>Edmonton Garrison Curling Club - 298 Falaise Avenue, Lancaster Park</p>
<p>Division 5: Jewel Box - 4916 52 Street, Bon Accord</p> <p>Legal Club 60 Roses - 5215 46 Street, Legal</p>	<p>Division 6: Coronado Hall - 23108 Township Rd 570, Sturgeon County</p> <p>Edmonton Garrison Curling Club - 298 Falaise Avenue, Lancaster Park</p> <p>Gibbons Legion - 5027 50 Street, Gibbons</p> <p>Redwater & District Pioneer Club - 4916 50 Street, Redwater</p>



NOTICE OF ELECTION and Requirements for Voter Identification

FORM 7 Local Authorities Election Act (Section 12, 35, 46, 53)
LOCAL JURISDICTION: Sturgeon County, Province of Alberta
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

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

The Election will take place on the 20th day of October, 2025, between the hours of 9:00AM and 8:00PM. Voting stations will be located at:

<p>Division 1: Cattail Crossing Golf Course Fort-in-View Golf Course Namao Hall Sturgeon Valley Golf Course</p>	<p>Division 2: Cardiff Hall Namao Hall Sturgeon Valley Golf Course</p>
<p>Division 3: Calahoo Community Hall Rivière Qui Barre Arena Villeneuve Community Hall</p>	<p>Division 4: Alcomdale Community Hall Legal Club 60 Roses Rivière Qui Barre Arena Edmonton Garrison Curling Club</p>
<p>Division 5: Jewel Box Legal Club 60 Roses</p>	<p>Division 6: Coronado Hall Edmonton Garrison Curling Club Gibbons Legion Redwater & District Pioneer Club</p>

Requirements for Voter Identification (ID)
Proof of identity and current residence is required to vote in Municipal and School elections. Acceptable ID includes Canadian Government issued photo ID with name and address (Federal, Provincial or local). e.g. Operator/Driver's Licence or Govt. photo ID card (for non-drivers) as required by the Local Authorities Election Act. A complete list of voter requirements, acceptable identification and rules of residence are listed at sturgeoncounty.ca/election.

DATED at the Town of Morinville, in the Province of Alberta, this 24 day of September, 2025.

(Returning Officer, Melodie Steele)

sturgeoncounty.ca/Election

For more information visit
www.sturgeoncounty.ca/election

Or scan the QR code with your mobile device.



Notice of Advance Vote - Ward 2

Local Authorities Election Act - Sections 12, 35, 46, 53, 74

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

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Catholic School Board Trustee Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (if Applicable)
Town of Morinville, Town of Legal, Town of Bon Accord, and portions of Sturgeon County north of Highway 37*	2	Ward 2

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

For WARD 2 School Division residents who are **Catholic and live in Morinville, Legal, Bon Accord and portions of Sturgeon County**, all Election Services will be provided by the respective municipalities and advanced voting will take place at the following locations, dates, and times:

Ward 2 - Morinville, Legal, Bon Accord and portions of Sturgeon County

Any eligible Catholic elector may vote during the advanced vote.

ADVANCE VOTE DATES, TIMES & LOCATIONS:

MORINVILLE, BON ACCORD, AND PORTIONS OF STURGEON COUNTY
 Morinville Community Cultural Centre (Hall A) 9502 100 Ave, Morinville

- **October 11th, 2025:** 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- **October 16th, 2025:** 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- **October 18th, 2025:** 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit your local municipalities website :

- morinville.ca/town-hall/morinville-elections
- sturgeoncounty.ca/election

Town of Bon Accord elections are run by Sturgeon County

TOWN OF LEGAL
 Legal Town Office, 5021-50 Street, Legal

- **October 8th, 2025:** 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit:

- legal.ca/election/2025-election-information/information-for-voters

Ward Maps



Requirements for Voter Identification (ID)

Registered voters are required to show valid government-issued identification containing, at a minimum, the voter's photograph and name.

Non-Registered voters are required to validate their ID by providing one of the following:

- One piece of government-issued identification containing the voter's photograph, name and current address; or
- One piece of identification containing the voter's name and current address.

Please visit your municipalities website for more information on ID requirements.

Dated at the City of St. Albert in the Province of Alberta, this 23rd day of September, 2025.

Iva Paulik, Returning Officer

For more information, contact us

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Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools



Sturgeon Valley Fertilizer Sports Centre celebrates grand opening with two-day community event

By Haylee Winger

The Town of Legal marked a significant milestone with the grand opening of the Sturgeon Valley Fertilizer (SVF) Sports Centre during a vibrant two-day celebration held on October 3rd and 4th.

Festivities kicked off on the evening of Friday, October 3rd, with a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony and speeches, including remarks from Deputy Mayor Andy

Beaton.

The evening also featured the symbolic closing of a time capsule, capturing memories for future generations.

Families gathered to enjoy a night filled with family-friendly activities, including glow face painting, hotdogs, giveaways, and a glow skating party that lit up the new rink. A concession stand operated throughout the evening, adding to the festive atmosphere.

Celebrations continued on Saturday, October 4th, with doors opening at 10:00 a.m.

The day began with official opening ceremonies and a full schedule of events for all ages.

Legal's Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Proulx, performed the ceremonial first puck drop, marking the start of a historic hockey matchup between the Sturgeon Sting's U11 AA team and the Fort Saskatchewan Rangers.

This game was especially significant, as it was the first AA-level hockey game Legal has hosted – made possible by the SVF Sports Centre's new NHL-sized ice surface.

All levels of the Sturgeon Sting AA hockey organization came out to support the event, as the new facility will now serve as their second ice surface alongside the Morinville Leisure Centre. Among those in attendance were U15 AA team Captain Mason Prefontaine and Assistant Captain Luc Cyr, proudly

representing their team and community.

The day featured more than just hockey. Guests enjoyed inflatable games, balloon twisting, and a popular 50/50 draw.

Community members John Graham, Gracie Graham, and Sloane Pearce were among those who took part in the fun.

Meanwhile, the Curling Club Lounge offered a space for socializing and relaxing between activities.

The Town also hosted its annual Meet Your Community event on the curling rink side of the facility.

This year's showcase included over 20 local community service groups and was enhanced by the addition of a new 65 x 50-foot concrete refrigeration pad.

Among the participants was Sturgeon County's Community Safe Facilitator, Jennifer Penner, who was on hand to engage with residents and provide valuable local information.

The sports-filled day continued with



The ceremonial first puck drop by Legal's Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Proulx. – Submitted Photo



All kinds of members of Sturgeon Sting AA hockey came out to support the opening of the Sturgeon Valley Sports Centre as this will now be their second ice surface along with the Morinville Leisure Centre. Sturgeon Sting U15 AA Captain, Mason Prefontaine and Assistant Captain, Luc Cyr. – Submitted Photo



Submitted Photo



The Sturgeon Sting's U11 AA team took to the ice against their rivals the Fort Saskatchewan Rangers. This game was very significant as it is the first AA hockey game Legal has been able to host at a AA or AAA level as it now has a NHL sized ice rink. – Submitted Photo



The two day event kicked off the Saturday with a speech from Deputy Mayor, Andy Beaton. – Submitted Photo

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Murdock Crowley

March 1, 1952 ~ September 18, 2025

Murdock Crowley of Morinville, Alberta passed away peacefully at Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at the age of 73 years. Leaving to mourn his wife, Wendy Crowley of Morinville Alberta; son, Curtis Crowley of Parkland County, Alberta; daughter, Carrie Lavoie of Morinville, Alberta; two grandchildren, Jade Lavoie of Morinville, Alberta and Cash Lavoie of Westlock County, Alberta; one great grandchild, Jack Murdock Lavoie; sisters, Cecily Elliott of London, Ontario, Linda (Carl) Jenkins, and Viola Sellars (Eddie Scott) both of Western Bay, Newfoundland; sisters-in-law, Linda (Bryan) Beaumont of Farmington, Nova Scotia, Cheryl (Rae) of Calgary, Alberta, and Andrea (Tate) of Franklin, Tennessee, USA; brothers-in-law, David Orbeck, Jim Orbeck, and Brent Orbeck all of Morinville, Alberta; as well as a large number of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. Murdock was predeceased by his parents, Joseph & Edith; brothers, Snowden and Samuel; and daughter-in-law, Jodie.

A Celebration of life will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2025 from 1 pm – 5 pm at the Morinville Legion, 10120 101 Avenue, Morinville, Alberta. In lieu of flowers as an expression of sympathy, donations in his memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 1200, Box 2414 Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4.

Sturgeon Valley Fertilizer Sports Centre

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a sledge hockey demonstration in the late morning, followed by a Sturgeon Fillies game and three community hockey games later in the afternoon, open to residents aged 18 and over.

The celebration concluded with a lively cabaret and food trucks at the ACFA Community Centre on 51 Avenue, keeping the energy going into



The Town also held it's annual Meet Your Community event on the curling rink side of the facility which new enhancements included 65 x 50 foot concrete refrigeration pad! - Jennifer Penner Photo

the early hours. Now officially open

to the public, the SVF Sports Centre stands as a new hub for recreation and community engagement in Legal.

The grand opening reflected the town's strong spirit of togetherness and its commitment to providing high-quality recreational facilities for residents of all ages.

For more information about programming and future events at the SVF Sports Centre, residents are encouraged to contact the Town of Legal or visit the centre directly at 4720-51 Ave.



The day featured all kinds of additional activities in addition to hockey 50/50, John Graham, Gracie Graham and Sloane Pearce. - Submitted Photo

Retirement Notice for MICHAEL GAUDRY

After 21 years of dedicated service as the Financial Advisor and Owner of Gaudry Financial Services, for Co-operators, I am announcing my retirement, effective October 15th, 2025.

The Morinville Co-operators location has been family owned and operated by the Gaudry's for 37+ years. First by Richard Gaudry and his wife Christine from 1988 to 2007 and then by myself and my wife Belinda from 2007 to 2025. It's been a privilege to serve my clients and the community of Morinville and Sturgeon County for the last 2 decades. I am deeply grateful for the trust and support you have shown me over the years. I also want to thank my dedicated staff for their contributions in making our agency successful over the years and helping us to serve our clients.

As I step into retirement, I want to assure you that you will continue to be in good hands. The office will remain open with Co-operators staff ready to serve you.

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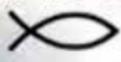
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in-store and got the cashier to check it," he explained. "When I realized what I'd won I was speechless!"

"I went out to the car to show my wife the win, and I had a big smile on my face!" he continued. "I was still in such a shock I could barely talk!"

The Sturgeon County winner said now,

he's planning to pay some bills and dream about what he will do with the rest of his winnings.

"It feels good to win!" he smiled.

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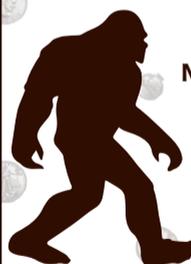
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Affordable grocery program offers relief as Canadians face sharp rise in food costs

By Shelley Winger

As grocery prices across Canada continue to climb, a local initiative in Morinville is stepping in to offer much-needed assistance.

The Eat Well food program, a partnership between Sobeys and Morinville Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), allows residents to purchase a monthly hamper of nutritious food for just \$30.

Each order includes four servings each of three different meats, along with a selection of fresh fruits and vegetables – all designed to help families stretch their food budgets further.

The program comes at a time when the cost of groceries is rising faster than most other household expenses. According to recent data, the price of food purchased from stores increased by 3.8 percent in April

2025 compared to the previous year, while the overall inflation rate stood at 1.7 percent. Some essentials have risen even more dramatically, with fresh or frozen beef up more than 16 percent, vegetables increasing around 3.7 percent, and coffee and tea jumping by over 13 percent.

These price increases are forcing many Canadians – including families in Morinville and across Alberta – to change how they shop and eat. Households are switching to cheaper brands, buying less meat, and cutting back on fresh produce. Statistics Canada reported that food purchased from stores rose by nearly 10 percent in 2022, the largest annual increase in decades. Although the pace has slowed since then, the cost of groceries still takes up a growing share of family

budgets. The Canada Food Price Report forecasts another three to five percent increase this year alone.

Several factors are driving the rise in food costs. Global supply chain disruptions, including droughts, labour shortages, and transportation challenges, have added costs at every stage of the food supply. Canada's reliance on imports for many products also makes prices sensitive to exchange rates and tariffs. Rising costs for fertilizer, energy, packaging, and labour are further pushing prices upward, leaving retailers with little choice but to pass those costs on to consumers.

The Eat Well program offers a practical and local response to these pressures. By partnering with a major retailer and purchasing in bulk, the initiative can offer

substantial savings compared to regular grocery store prices. Providing a balanced hamper ensures that families maintain access to a range of nutritious foods, even when money is tight. And the predictable \$30 price tag offers stability in a market that is anything but predictable.

The impact of rising food costs is not evenly felt. Lower-income households, seniors, and people on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable, as they spend a larger portion of their earnings on basic necessities like food.

Many families are being forced to cut back on other essentials such as utilities, healthcare, and housing just to afford groceries. Food insecurity – the inability to reliably access enough affordable, nutritious food – is rising across the country, and



Sample Eat Well hamper, available to Morinville residents for \$30, includes a selection of meats, fresh fruits, and vegetables. – Morinville Community Cultural Centre photo

Morinville residents are not immune.

Community-based solutions like Eat Well are becoming increasingly important as the cost-of-living crisis deepens. They not only provide direct help but also demonstrate how collaboration between local governments, social services, and retailers can make a meaningful difference. While broader policy measures are needed to address the root causes of food inflation, initiatives like this one show that immediate, local

action can ease the burden on families and help ensure that healthy food remains within reach.

With grocery costs expected to keep rising throughout 2025, the Eat Well food program is likely to become an even more vital resource for Morinville residents.

As economic pressures on households continue to grow, programs like this represent a crucial safety net – one that provides dignity, nutrition, and relief during an increasingly difficult time.



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