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Councillor Lisa Parenteau, Deputy Mayor Jenn Anheliger, Councillor Jayson Wood, Mayor Simon Boersma, Councillors Daryn Duliba, Maurice St. Denis and Nathan Himschoot. - Town of Morinville Photo **SEE STORY ON PAGE 2**



Sturgeon Hockey Club photo

## Sturgeon Sting teams score big for the Morinville FoodBank

By Shelley Winger

It was more than just a season opener for the Sturgeon Sting AA hockey division – it was a day that brought players, families, and the wider community together for something bigger than the game.

All four Sting teams – U11AA, U13AA, U15AA, and U18AA – took to the ice for

back-to-back home openers at the new Sturgeon Valley Fertilizers Sports Centre in Legal. With all teams gathered in one place, organizers saw a chance to do more than celebrate hockey. They decided to make the day about giving back.

According to U11AA team manager Caroline Borduzak, the idea came up early in the planning stages when

the Sturgeon Hockey Club's president and team managers began talking about ways to make "Sting Day" special. They agreed that a food drive for the Morinville Food Bank would be a meaningful way to support local families while bringing the hockey community together.

What followed was an

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# Morinville holds Swearing-In Ceremony for new mayor and council

The Town of Morinville officially welcomed its new Mayor and Council during a Swearing-In Ceremony held Tuesday, October 28, at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre before a packed

audience.

The newly elected council members were piped into the hall, followed by opening remarks from Chief Administrative Officer Michelle Hay.

The ceremony

began with Mayor-elect Simon Boersma taking the Oath of Office, administered by Rachelle Gilbert, Morinville's Legislative Officer.

Gilbert then presented Mayor Boersma with the Chain of Office, which he wore for the evening.

Following his

swearing-in, Mayor Boersma administered the Oath of Office to the incoming councillors: Nathan Himschoot, Maurice St. Denis, Daryn Dukiba, Jayson Wood, Jenn Anheliger, and Lisa Parenteau.

The ceremony was followed by the inaugural council meeting, which covered

the Deputy Mayor appointment, the 2025-26 Council Calendar, and Council appointments to standing committees, along with an orientation extension.

Mayor Boersma proposed a four-month rotation for the Deputy Mayor position, allowing each councillor to serve

two four-month terms during the council's mandate.

Councillor Jenn Anheliger was appointed as the first Deputy Mayor, serving from October 28, 2025, to February 24, 2026.

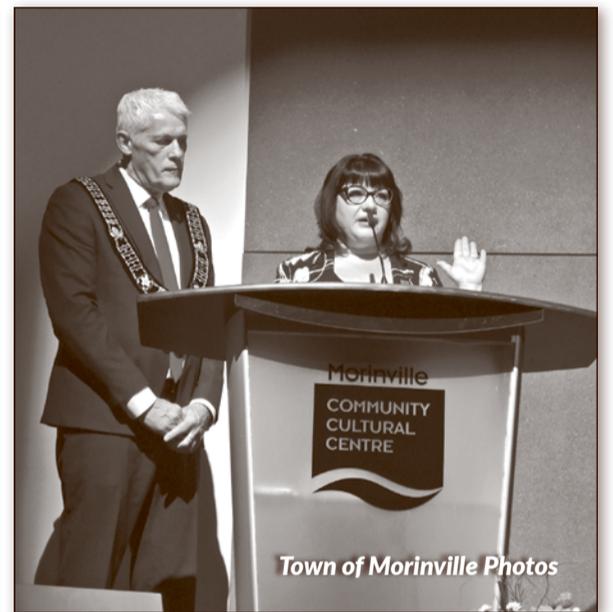
At the start of each rotation period, the incoming Deputy Mayor will be officially sworn in.



Oath of Office Mayor Simon Boersma.



Oath of Office for second term Councillor Maurice St. Denis.



Oath of Office administered by Simon Boersma with Councillor Lisa Parenteau.

## Sturgeon Sting

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impressive show of generosity.

Players and their families filled three adult-sized goalie bags and three large blue tubs with food items, along with an entire hockey net packed full of paper towel, toilet paper, and toiletries.

Even visiting teams contributed, proving that the spirit of teamwork extends beyond the final score.

Donuts were shared among players to celebrate both the start of the season and the success of the collection effort.

In total, 73 players and their families took part in the drive, helping to stock the shelves of the Morinville Food Bank with items that were in high demand.

"The day was a great success," Borduzak said. "Both visiting and home teams participated, and it really showed what can happen when everyone comes together for a common cause."

Sturgeon Hockey Club president Gene Connors said he was moved by the level of participation and the sense of community that filled the rink.

He said he couldn't be more proud of the players, coaches, and families who stepped up to help others, noting that their efforts will directly support people in need across the region.

"I couldn't be prouder of our players, coaches, and families for the effort they put into our food bank drive on Sting Day," Connors said. "Together with our visiting teams, we filled bins upon bins with donations that will directly help families in need right here in our region. This is the kind of leadership and compassion that defines the Sturgeon Sting and the Sturgeon Hockey Club."

The new arena in Legal provided the perfect backdrop for the event, bringing together players and families from across the region under one



Sturgeon Sting players and families with donations collected for the Morinville Food Bank during Sting Day. All four AA teams worked together to fill bins with food, toiletries, and other essentials for local families in need.

roof.

The energy in the building was high, and the sense of togetherness was unmistakable.

For many parents and young players, it was a reminder that hockey can build community in ways that reach far beyond wins and losses.

The event also highlighted the strong connection between local sports and community service. As shelves at the Morinville Food Bank filled and players laced up for their games, it was clear that everyone shared a common goal – to make a positive

impact close to home. The event was organized in collaboration with the Morinville Food Bank, which shared a list of items most needed by local families.

By the end of the day, those needs had been met with enthusiasm and generosity – a sign that

the lessons learned through hockey can reach far beyond the rink.

For the Sturgeon Sting, "Sting Day" wasn't just about kicking off another hockey season. It was about showing that, when the community rallies together, everyone wins.

# Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce celebrates 2025 Denim and Diamonds Awards Gala

By Haylee Winger

The Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce celebrated local business excellence at the 2025 Denim and Diamonds Awards Gala, held at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre (MCCC) on October 25.

Chamber President Sarah Hall and Manager Roberta Pawluk took the stage to host the evening, welcoming nominees, sponsors, and community members to the annual event.

Speakers for the event included Dale Nally, MLA for Morinville-St. Albert, Simon Boersma, Mayor of Morinville, and Meadows of Morinville Jandel Homes.

The event also featured entertainment by Riley Quinn.

A total of eleven awards were presented during the gala,

recognizing outstanding achievement across a range of business categories:

- Small Business of the Year: The Foxhole Canteen
- Medium Business of the Year: Animal Wellness Veterinary Clinic
- Large Business of the Year: Capital Vision Care
- Home-Based Business of the Year: Vanilla Sugar Hair & Beauty
- New Business of the Year: Louie & Lola Boutique
- Community Spirit Award: Morinville Adopt-A-Family Foundation
- Agriculture Business of the Year: Boney Blooms Farms
- Youth Customer Service Award: Dylan Zwicker
- Steve & Marci Crouse Memorial Award: What the Fizz
- Business Legacy Award: Big City Auto



Home Based Business Award recipients Vanilla Sugar Hair & Beauty.

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 The Chamber also highlighted the criteria behind each award. Businesses are not eligible to win the same category within three years. Small businesses are defined as having 1-5 employees, medium businesses 5-19

employees, and large businesses 20 or more. The New Business of the Year recognizes companies operating for less than three years, while the Business Legacy Award honors those with over a decade of continuous service, demonstrating longevity, resilience, and sustainability. The Community



Ceremony sponsor Jandel Homes at the lectern.

SpiritAward celebrates registered non-profits or local businesses that actively give back to the community through engagement, events, and charitable initiatives. The Steve and Marci Crouse Memorial Award focuses on Farmers' Market vendors - excluding multi-level marketing businesses - whose

products are home-made, handmade, or homegrown, and who have attended at least five markets. The 2025 Denim and Diamonds Awards Gala once again showcased the hard work, innovation, and community commitment that define the Morinville and District business community.

# Legion launches annual poppy campaign in Morinville



By Haylee Winger

Dignitaries, Legion members, and community guests gathered at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 176 in Morinville on October 30 for the official launch of the annual Poppy Campaign.

RCL Br. 176 President Comrade Maxine Butt welcomed attendees to the event, which marked the beginning of the campaign leading up to Remembrance Day.

Among those in attendance were MLA for Morinville-St. Albert Dale Nally, Morinville Deputy Mayor Jenn Anheliger, Sturgeon County Deputy

Mayor Kristen Toms, and Comrade Hans Brink, representing Member of Parliament for St. Albert-Sturgeon River Michael Cooper. Also present were members of Morinville Town Council, Legion members, and other special guests.

During the evening, ceremonial poppy presentations were made to local representatives.

President Maxine Butt presented the first poppy to MLA Dale Nally, symbolizing the official start of the 2025 Poppy Campaign in Morinville. A second presentation was made to Comrade Hans Brink, who



accepted the poppy on behalf of MP Michael Cooper.

Those in attendance included Morinville Councillors Maurice St. Denis, Nathan Himschoot, Daryn Duliba, Lisa Parenteau, and Jayson Wood, as well as Fred Malott, Legion's Remembrance

Day host and Poppy Fund representative.

The annual Poppy Campaign is a long-standing tradition of the Royal Canadian Legion, raising funds to support veterans and their families while honoring the memory of those who served.



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Sturgeon County photos

Sturgeon County Council was sworn in on October 28, 2025. The ceremony included the confirmation of committee and board appointments and approval of the 2025-2026 Council Meeting calendar. Mayor Alanna Hnatiw begins her third term, and Division 2 Councillor Kristin Toms was appointed Deputy Mayor, serving from October 28, 2025, to April 30, 2026.



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Dated at Morinville, Alberta, October 28, 2025.

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# REMEMBRANCE DAY

By Haylee Winger

Each year on November 11, Canadians come together to pause, reflect, and remember the men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Remembrance Day is a time to honour those who fought for peace and freedom – and to acknowledge the courage and resilience of those who continue to serve today.

Across the nation, communities gather at cenotaphs, legions, and memorials to lay wreaths, listen to the haunting notes of the

“Last Post,” and observe a moment of silence at 11 a.m. It is a moment shared from coast to coast – a collective promise that the bravery and sacrifices of Canada’s veterans will never be forgotten.

The red poppy remains a powerful symbol of remembrance. Inspired by the poem *In Flanders Fields*, it stands as a reminder of the lives lost in conflicts past and present, and of the hope that endures in their memory.

Remembrance Day is not only about remembering the fallen but also

recognizing the ongoing contributions of veterans, military families, and peacekeepers who have helped shape our country.

Their dedication, service, and quiet strength continue to inspire future generations.

As Canadians bow their heads in silence this November 11, we remember those who gave their lives, those who returned home forever changed, and those who continue to serve.

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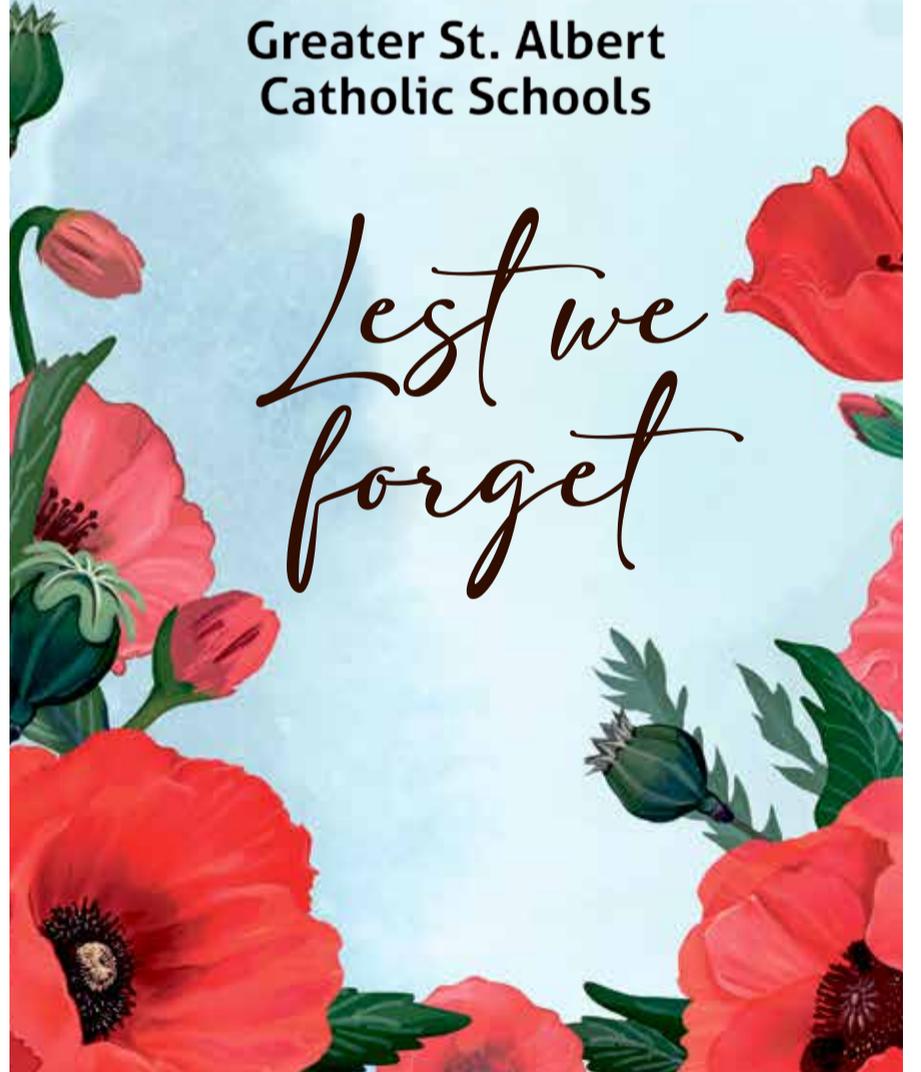


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turn to the experts

# Grabbing a bite: Restaurant and bar sales in Alberta

By Rob Roach | ATB ECONOMICS

Released October 30, the latest Statistics Canada data show that restaurant and bar sales in Alberta were robust in August, up 7.6% from the same month last year.\*

On a year-to-date basis, revenue was up 5.9% over the first eight months of the year compared to the same period in 2024.

Removing the effects of inflation, year-over-year revenue was 5.6% higher and year-to-date 4.8% higher, indicating that the growth was mostly due to higher

spending rather than higher prices.

How do we account for this rise in spending on eating out/ordering in the face of rising unemployment in the province?

First, there is the inclination of Albertans to continue to enjoy the province's restaurants and bars.

Second, ongoing population growth and less travel to the U.S. has increased the pool of potential customers.

Third, given the high cost of food, there is likely some bargain hunting going on. I for one was able to get a beef dip from Arby's

for half the price it would have cost me to make it at home.

As always, because we don't have corresponding data on the operating costs of restaurants and bars, we can't say with any certainty if the sector is doing better or worse in terms of net profit.

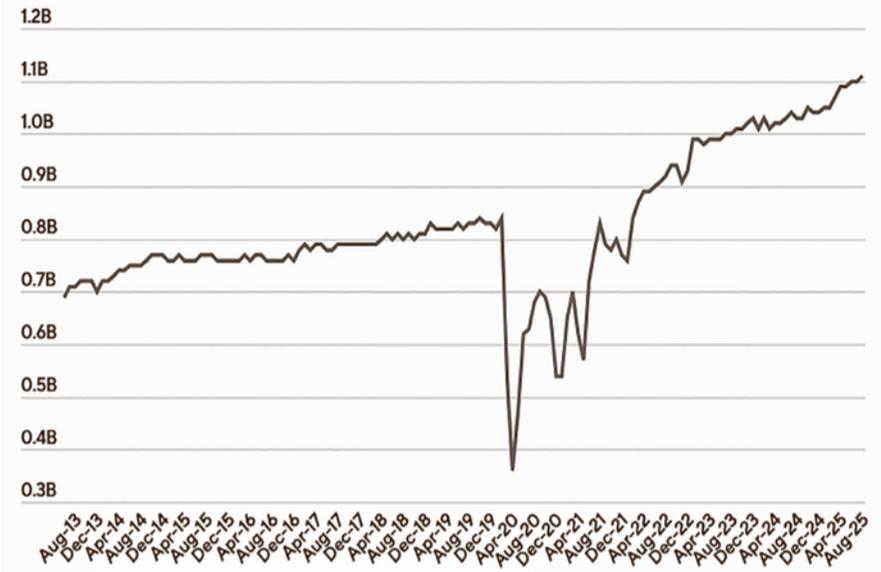
Nonetheless, the rise in sales is a positive sign for the sector and an indication that the Alberta economy, despite tariff headwinds, is continuing to push forward.

*\*All data in today's Twenty-Four are on a seasonally-adjusted basis.*

## Restaurant and bar sales in Alberta

ATB Economics

\$, seasonally adjusted



Source: Statistics Canada Table 21-10-0019-01 and ATB Economics

# What to include in your estate planning

(NC) Estate planning is an essential part of preparing for the future and ensures that your assets, values and wishes are honoured after you're gone. While it might seem like a daunting task, a thoughtful estate plan gives peace of mind to both you and your loved ones. Here are some key considerations to include in your planning process.

### Key elements of estate planning

- Will and testament: A will is the cornerstone of your estate plan. It outlines how assets, such as

your home, savings and personal items, will be distributed. Appointing someone you trust as an executor to carry out your wishes is equally important.

- Power of attorney: Designating someone to make financial or medical decisions on your behalf if you become unable ensures that your affairs are managed according to your wishes.

- Beneficiaries: The people or groups who will receive your assets. Regularly update the beneficiaries on your registered accounts, such as Registered Retirement

Savings Plans (RRSPs) and life insurance, to reflect your current circumstances.

- Personal directives: These instructions specify your preferences for medical care and end-of-life decisions, helping your family make choices that respect your values.

Beyond these key elements, there's another important consideration: eye, tissue and organ donation. Many seniors assume they're not suitable eye, tissue or organ donors because of their age or health conditions.

But that's actually a

common myth, especially when it comes to cornea donation. The cornea is the clear front part of the eye – its "lens" – and it can often be donated regardless of age.

Due to the time-sensitive nature of organ, eye and

tissue donation, these wishes are usually not included directly in a will. But it's important to communicate your intent to donate with your family members and ensure they are aware of your wishes.

A comprehensive

estate plan not only addresses your financial and legal affairs but also reflects your beliefs and desire to help others.

You can find more information about becoming an eye and tissue donor at [donatemytissues.ca](http://donatemytissues.ca).

# RCMP

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On October 28, Morinville RCMP were on the scene of a serious motor vehicle collision that occurred on Highway 28.

The incident took place between Highway 37 and Township Road 552, prompting police to temporarily close the highway in both directions while emergency crews responded.

Authorities advised the public to avoid the area and seek alternate routes during the closure. Traffic was redirected until the scene was cleared and the roadway was deemed safe for travel.

At this time, no further details regarding the number of vehicles involved or potential injuries were released. The investigation into the cause of the collision remained ongoing.

### HOROSCOPE

#### ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, this week you may find yourself with some extra energy and enthusiasm for new projects. Figure out what you want to get done and think through a plan.

#### LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Relationships and partnerships are priorities for you this week, Libra. Figure out how you can balance your needs with those of others in your inner circle.

#### TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may have a strong desire for stability and security. Now is a good time to focus on financial matters and investigate potentially valuable investment opportunities.

#### SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, it's a good time to implement new habits or make improvements to your work life. Perhaps the balance has been skewed and you need more time for family?

#### GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Communication will be key for you this month, Gemini. Whether you aim to strengthen existing relationships or start new ones, be clear and honest in all of your interactions.

#### SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

This week could be bursting with creativity for you, Sagittarius. If you've been meaning to pursue hobbies or other interests, now is the time to explore and have some fun.

#### CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

This week your focus shifts largely toward home and family, Cancer. Now might be the time to address any conflicts in your home life to reinforce family relationships.

#### CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

Making improvements to your home or living space can give you a fresh perspective, Capricorn. It might just be the change you need to feel revitalized.

#### LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, this could be a week when you find yourself in the spotlight more than usual. You don't shy away from extra attention; in fact, you will thrive this week.

#### AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

Don't be afraid to share your ideas and connect with others this week, Aquarius. Staying curious and getting your perspective across may lead to some exciting opportunities.

#### VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

This is a good week to start organizing and planning, Virgo. The holidays are right around the corner, and you want to be sure that everything you need to get done will be accomplished.

#### PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Financial matters may come into focus this month, Pisces. It's a good time to look at your budget and make some tweaks, if necessary. Taking on extra work might be an option.

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## Building a better budget

(NC) No matter the state of your finances, it's always helpful to take time to assess your financial priorities, so you can be better prepared for the future.

Here are three easy ways to get started.

### 1. Build a plan.

Start by thinking about where you are now, where you want to be and how much you'll need to get there. Consider different savings strategies for specific purposes.

For example, if you want a retirement fund to prepare for life after your career, there's the tax-deferred Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP).

Or if you're looking to maximize your savings by keeping them tax-sheltered, then a Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA) may work best for you.

In any case, build

your assets in a way that suits your needs.

### 2. Get organized.

Once you've determined how best to organize your finances, the next challenge in reaching your savings goals is staying on track.

For help, you may want to use an online tool to manage everything more easily.

A spreadsheet can give you an overview of your financial progress and ensure your money's only going where you want it to.

It can help calculate how much you've spent and how close you are to your goals.

To help organize future funds, you could also try setting up automatic transfers between accounts, such as for bills and savings.

### 3. Keep your money safe.

Now you've done the work, and

everything is where you want it - how do you make sure your money is safe?

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This organization protects eligible deposits in the event of bank failure.

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