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Family roots drive success of Smokin' Wands expansion to Morinville

By Shelley Winger



What some may mistake for a large corporate operation is, in fact, a proudly local family business built on hard work, community values and deep agricultural roots.

Smokin' Wands Truck & Car Wash, now welcoming customers at its new Morinville location, is owned and operated by Nick and Anna Zilinski and their children, Adrian and Jaylene. The business first began as a retirement dream for

the couple, who have spent decades building both businesses and a life rooted in farming.

For many years, Nick operated a roofing business that took him throughout surrounding communities, including Westlock and the surrounding region. Through that work, he often hauled trailers and equipment and quickly recognized a need for a wash facility that could properly accommodate larger vehicles.

The idea for Smokin' Wands came from that simple need.

He wanted to provide the community with something he wished he had for his own trailers. After a

year of planning and construction, the first Smokin' Wands location opened in Westlock in October 2014. The response from the community was immediate, with strong local support helping establish the business in its early years.

For the first several years, Nick and Anna operated the wash with the help of dedicated staff.

In time, it became a true family-run operation.

Their daughter, Jaylene, joined the business in 2019 after life changes and the arrival of children made the timing right. Their son, Adrian, followed in 2020,



The ribbon is cut during the grand opening ceremony for Smokin' Wands Truck & Car Wash's new Morinville location, marking the expansion of the Zilinski family's locally owned business. - Smokin' Wands Truck & Car Wash Photo

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Lions Clubs International First Vice Presidentco Mark Lyon presenting a Global Leader in Humanitarian Service Banner to Immediate Past President Dr. Patti Hill. - Lucie Roy Photo

Lions gather in Grande Prairie for 10th Annual Multiple District C Convention

By Haylee Winger



The 10th Annual Multiple District C Convention of Lions Clubs International was held in Grande Prairie on April 10 and

11, bringing together members in a celebration of leadership, unity, and service.

Multiple District C, which includes Districts C-1 and C-2, serves communities throughout Alberta and parts of the Northwest Territories and represents a large geographic region within the organization. District C-1, formed in 2015

through the merger of Districts 37L and 37I, includes St. Albert, Legal, and Morinville, and is recognized as one of the largest geographic districts in the world.

The convention welcomed guests from Brookfield, Connecticut; Bozeman, Montana; Stratford, Ontario; and Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, along

with delegates from 32 locations across Alberta. Attendees included Lions, Leos, Leo Lions, guests, and supporters. Six members of the Morinville Lions Club were in attendance.

Dignitaries addressing the convention included Past International Director Marvin Chambers,

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Smokin' Wands

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bringing the entire family together once again – this time in business.

The family says the transition felt natural, reflecting the same teamwork they had long shared on the farm.

From family days spent picking roots and rocks in the fields to working side by side at the car wash, the Zilinskis have carried their strong work ethic into every part of the business.

With the success of the Westlock

location, expansion soon became a realistic possibility.

After hearing repeated comments from loyal trucking and farming customers who wished for similarly accessible truck bays in Morinville, the family began exploring the opportunity to open a second location.

That vision has now become reality.

The Zilinski family continues to live locally on separate farms just a few miles from one another. Nick and Anna remain on the original home quarter near



The exterior of Smokin' Wands Truck & Car Wash's new Morinville location, the second site for the locally owned family business. – **Smokin' Wands Truck & Car Wash Photo**

Waugh, land that has been in the family since Nick's parents farmed it. Farming continues alongside the car wash business, further reflecting the family's connection to the local

community.

The family hopes the story helps clear up a common misconception that the business is part of a larger corporation.

"We are local, we support locals, and

we hire locals," they said. "We are proud and excited to be part of another small-town community."

As Smokin' Wands celebrates its grand opening in Morinville while continuing to

serve customers in Westlock, the family says community support has meant everything.

They look forward to serving both communities for many years to come.

Sturgeon County approves 2026 tax rates

By Haylee Winger



Sturgeon County Council has approved its 2026 property tax rates, with residential taxes seeing minimal change and business properties facing a slight increase.

The approved rates include a 0.7 per cent

increase on the residential portion of the tax bill and a 3.57 per cent increase for non-residential properties.

For homeowners, the change translates into a small annual impact. A residential property assessed at \$500,000 with no change in value would see an increase of about \$14 per year, or just over a dollar per month.

A larger share of property tax bills, however, is tied to

provincial decisions rather than municipal ones. This year, the Education Property Tax collected within Sturgeon County increased by about \$2 million, or roughly 9 per cent, placing additional pressure on overall tax bills.

The county also says municipalities continue to absorb costs shifted from the provincial government. One of the most significant examples is policing, which is expected to become

increasingly expensive over the next several years, with costs projected to rise by as much as 78 per cent over the next five years and reach nearly \$5 million per year.

Residential taxpayers should also note that only part of their bill is controlled locally. Sturgeon County retains 58 per cent of residential property taxes for local services, while the remaining 42 per cent is remitted to the province or provincial

agencies.

"While residents look at their tax bill as a whole, it's important to understand that the County does not control the entire amount," said Mayor Alanna Hnatiw. "Only 58 per cent of residential property taxes are set by the county and stay with the County to fund local services.

The other 42 per cent must be sent directly to the province or provincial service providers – meaning nearly half of

residents' property tax bill does not go to the County."

Commercial and industrial property owners will face a 3.57 per cent tax increase in 2026.

On a property valued at \$500,000, this works out to approximately \$195 annually, or about \$16 each month. Officials with the county say the change is intended to help address ongoing financial pressures

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Sturgeon County Council Meeting updates

Sturgeon County release

Mayor Hnatiw proclaimed April 11 and 12, 2026, as Alberta's Get Outdoors Weekend in Sturgeon County.

Public Hearing – Bylaw 1694/25 – Closure and Disposal of a Portion of Range Road 222

Council held a public hearing to receive submissions regarding Bylaw 1694/25, a proposed closure and disposal of a portion of Range Road 222 to facilitate proposed development within the Industrial Heartland.

No public submissions were received on the proposed bylaw.

The Bylaw will be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors for approval. After that, Council will make a decision.

Consolidated Contract Award Report – January 15, 2026 to March 15, 2026

Council received the Consolidated Contract Award Report of January 15, 2026 to March 15, 2026 as information.

Bylaw 1682/25 – Redistricting a Portion of NE-31-54-26-4 from C1 and AG to I1 and AG

Council approved Bylaw 1682/25, the redistricting of a portion of NE-31-54-26-4 from Highway Commercial (C1) and Agriculture (AG) Districts to Rural Industry Support (I1) and Agriculture (AG) Districts, bringing the property into line with the rules for running a heater rental and crane mat business.

Debenture Bylaws for 2026 Capital Projects

Council approved Bylaw 1702/26, Bylaw

1703/26, and Bylaw 1704/26, allowing for the use of long-term borrowing to fund capital projects approved as part of the 2026 Capital Budget and the 2027 Capital financial forecast.

2026 Financial Update and Tax Rate Options

Council directed Administration to prepare the Taxation Rates Bylaw to reflect no change in the projected 0.73% tax rate increase for Residential, Farmland, Residential Vacant Reduced, and Residential Vacant; and a tax rate increase of 3.57% for Non-Residential, and Machinery and Equipment.

Council also directed Administration to provide options and recommendations for the allocation of the County's 2025 operating surplus when they present the 2025 Audited Financial

Statements.

2026-2029 Strategic Plan

Council approved the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan as presented.

This is the highest-level document from which all Administration's work flows, guided by three community outcomes supported by 4-year Council objectives; Planned Growth, Thriving Communities, and Environmental Responsibility.

Planned Growth focuses on guiding growth to priority areas in a financially sustainable way by coordinating land use, infrastructure, and services.

It aims to strengthen the local economy, protect farmland, and invest in reliable infrastructure to keep the County a great place to live, work, and invest.

Thriving Communities centers around a strong quality of life, supported by safe neighbourhoods,

accessible services and spaces, inclusive relationships,

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First Vice President

Mark Lyon, Grande Prairie Deputy Mayor Kevin O'Toole, and County Reeve Amanda McDonald. MLA Ron Wiebe, who was unable to attend, provided a letter that was read aloud by Council Chair Lank.

In remarks to delegates, Lank highlighted the convention as both a milestone marking a decade of shared service, leadership, and purpose, and as a point of opportunity for future growth.

The address emphasized the increasing need for Lions' involvement in addressing mental health challenges, food insecurity, youth support, and environmental stewardship. The importance of collaboration and partnerships was underscored, along with the need to strengthen connections between districts through shared resources, joint service initiatives, coordinated training, and the exchange of ideas and best practices. Lank also encouraged the development of new leaders and the

inclusion of emerging voices, noting that collaboration is central to the organization's identity and future direction. In closing, Lank reflected on the collective role of members in shaping the future of Multiple District C.

The flag ceremony was conducted by **Second Vice District Governor** Zella Gardiner, **First Vice District Governor** Danielle Hamelin, and Grande Prairie cadets. Flags presented included those of the United States, Canada, Alberta, British Columbia, Lions International, and the



Lions Club of Morinville members Vida Myles, Bev Lussier and Nicole Rachinski with the items donated for the silent auction, some of which were donated by Home Hardware. Nicole Rachinski was the Project Manager for the Baby Supplies Program.



Lucie Roy Photos

Lions member Aida Mustapic with her environmental display, featuring free handouts, brochures and seeds.

State of Connecticut.

The convention featured a range of guest speakers and display booths. Kelly Sisak of the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation presented on the RetCam Envision, an imaging tool used in operating rooms to obtain diagnostic retinal images under anesthesia.

Laura LaValley, CEO of the Northwestern Alberta Foundation, discussed the organization's focus on connecting with rural, Indigenous, and remote communities, as well as its role in linking people to causes and resources that address community needs.

The foundation manages more than \$15 million in assets

and over 200 uniquely tailored funds, including permanently endowed, temporarily endowed, and non-endowed funds.

Glenda Farnden spoke about the ongoing support of Lions Clubs for STARS Air Ambulance, noting cumulative contributions exceeding \$3 million. The Dr. Gregory Powell Fellowship STARS Critical Care Academy, created by Lions in 2012, has raised \$147,500 and supported 295 fellowship recipients.

Additional presentations highlighted initiatives such as the Alert Trailer, vision screening, service projects, and environmental efforts.

As part of the

convention's outreach efforts, attendees were encouraged to donate backpacks containing youth or baby supplies. Nicole Rachinski of the Morinville Lions Club coordinated the assembly of donated items, which will be distributed to Sunrise House, foster care programs, and child-in-care programs supporting children in the Grande Prairie area.

Morinville Lions Club Secretary Bev Lussier contributed auction items for the event fundraiser.

The convention concluded with a continued focus on service, collaboration, and community support across Multiple District C.

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Young riders invited to annual Morinville Bike Rodeo and safety event May 7

By Shelley Winger

Families in Morinville are invited to gear up for a fun and educational evening as the annual Bike Rodeo returns on Thursday, May 7 at the Landrex Arena in the Morinville Leisure Centre.

Designed for

children ages 5 to 12, the free community event will run from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and is hosted by Morinville Enforcement Services in partnership with community organizations.

The Bike Rodeo is designed to help young riders build confidence

and learn important bicycle safety skills in a fun, supportive environment. Participants will practice safe riding techniques, review the rules of the road, and take part in hands-on activities aimed at improving their biking abilities.

Events like the Bike Rodeo also give families an opportunity to connect with local enforcement officers and community partners in a positive, educational setting while encouraging safe outdoor activity for children.

Check-in begins at 5:15 p.m., with free hot dogs and drinks served until 5:45 p.m.

The rodeo activities will run from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., followed by prize draws at 7:30 p.m.



Town of Morinville photos



Children must be confident riding a two-wheel bicycle, as training wheels, strider bikes, and scooters are not permitted.

A properly fitted helmet is mandatory for all participants, and closed-toe shoes are recommended.

More experienced riders may also have

the opportunity to ride alongside a peace officer and practice advanced skills, weather and time permitting.

With limited spots available, families are encouraged to register early to secure a place in this popular annual event.

The event is free to attend, with 68 of

100 spots currently available. Parents and guardians are encouraged to remain onsite, especially if their child requires additional support.

For more information or to register, contact the Town of Morinville at 780-939-7839 or email events@morinville.ca.

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related to major industrial holdings, along with uncertainty tied to assessment appeals and fluctuations in property values.

“Even with this slight increase, Sturgeon County’s non-residential tax rate remains competitive and, together with the County’s

other supports and incentives, continues to position Sturgeon County as a top domestic and global investment destination, which we know is critical for the community’s growth,” said Mayor Hnatiw.

Sturgeon County residents have until June 30, 2026, to pay their property taxes, unless they are signed up for a pre-authorized payment plan.

MYBA coach John receives the Basketball Alberta Phil Allen Coach of the Year award. John has coached with MYBA for seven seasons and helped lead the team to silver medals in league play and at the March Madness tournament in Airdrie.
- Morinville Youth Basketball photo



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Details of the Bylaw can be found online at or by contacting Development Engineering and Land Services using the information below.

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Under pressure: Many households report strained finances

By Rob Roach,
ATB ECONOMICS

On Monday April 20, received the Consumer Price Index (a.k.a. inflation) numbers from Statistics Canada for the month of March. These data help us understand the general direction of consumer prices, which is a handy thing to know when trying to figure out what's next for the overall

economy. What the inflation stats don't tell us is how people are actually doing when it comes to their personal finances.

Imagine, for example, you just paid a plumbing company to unclog a blocked pipe. It was worth the money, but it wasn't cheap and now you're wondering how to pay off the charge on your credit card. Even if the

fee was the same as it was a year earlier (i.e., zero inflation), you're probably not feeling great about how much it cost.

Or take that jug of milk your kids empty almost as soon as you put it in the fridge; the price may not be going up as much as it was, but between this year's soccer fees and a recent speeding ticket and your mobile screen shattering when you

dropped it, your cost of living feels out of control.

There are different ways to define the cost of living and to measure it, but one of the most direct and telling ways is to ask people questions about their finances. In this vein, the accounting, tax and business consulting firm MNP conducts a quarterly survey of Canadians* that asks about their ability to pay their bills, endure unexpected expenses, and absorb interest-rate fluctuations. The latest results for Alberta came out on Monday and point to a high degree of financial stress with 77% of respondents saying rising prices for essentials like food and gas are straining their finances. It was essentially the same result nationally at 74%. The composite national index, which combines answers to multiple survey questions, has remained steady the last year at levels well below those seen before the pandemic (the higher the index, the more positive Canadians feel about their personal finances).

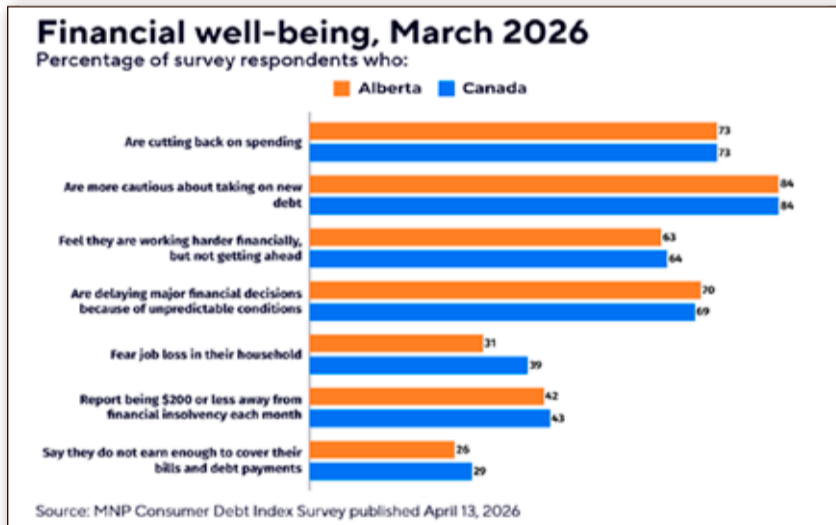
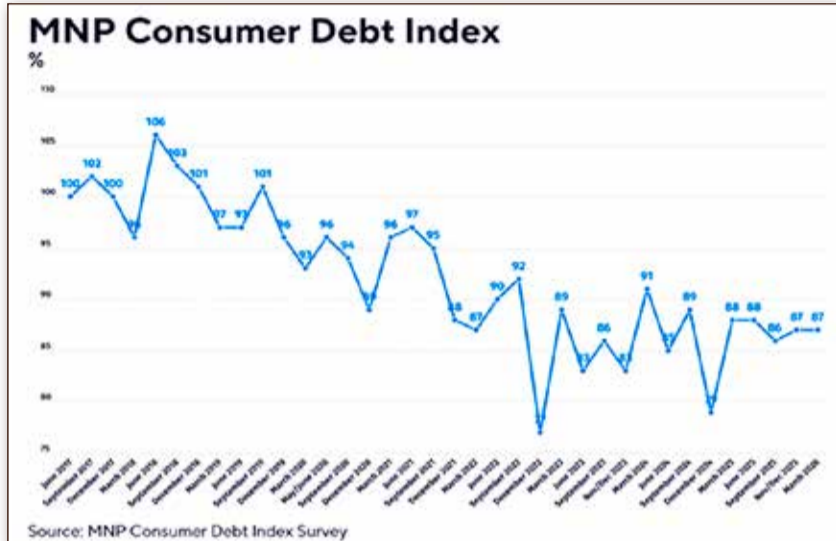
This suggests the level of financial strain among Canadian households has

been elevated for several years.

Other survey results also point to the financial stress facing many households. Turning to another source, the Bank of Canada's Canadian

Survey of Consumer Expectations (done in January, prior to the Iran war) also points to weak sentiment, which the Bank attributes to high prices and trade uncertainty.

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and active community participation, including respectful collaboration with Indigenous and neighbouring communities. Environmental Responsibility emphasizes protecting land, water, air and ecosystems by integrating environmental considerations into planning, strengthening climate resilience, and reducing impacts through sustainable municipal practices.

Advancing Major Investment Infrastructure in the Industrial Heartland
Council approved funding in the amount of \$75 million for infrastructure improvements in the Industrial Heartland, with any expenses being subject to collecting the cost from industry partners through a Cost Contribution Agreement. Council also authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into Cost Contribution Agreements for infrastructure development

in the Industrial Heartland to facilitate completion of these infrastructure improvements.
Wetland Replacement Program – Memorandum of Understanding and Calahoo Wetland Project Approval
Council directed the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a renewed Memorandum of Understanding with Alberta Environment and Protected Areas for the Wetland Replacement Program for 2026. Council also approved the Calahoo Wetland Project for \$1.4 million, to be fully funded by the Wetland Replacement Program.

implementation of a County Public Notification System (PNS), employing Everbridge, with one-time project costs in 2026 estimated at \$25,000 from the Protective Services operating budget, and ongoing operating costs of approximately \$3,500 annually to be incorporated into the 2027 budget.
Fire Services Agreement Renewals
Council directed Administration to advance the proposal to renew five-year term Fire Services Agreements with the Towns of Legal, Bon Accord, and Redwater and the Summer Villages of Sandy Beach and Sunrise Beach as recommended.

Committee of the Whole meeting.
Sandy Lake Wilderness Area Concept Plan and Natural Area Management Plan
The Committee recommended the Sandy Lake Wilderness Area Concept Plan and Natural Area Management Plan to Council for planning purposes, incorporating comments provided at the March 24, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.
Sturgeon County 2025 Year in Review Report
The Committee received the Sturgeon County 2025 Year in Review Report as information. The report highlighted big wins of 2025 such as the successful launch of the YES Academy program, an event designed for youth ages 14 to 17 who are interested in emergency service careers. As well as a Fire Master Plan, a twenty-year strategic framework for fire services.

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Living Snow Fence Program Options
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Emergency Management Communications Options
Council directed Administration to proceed with the development and

Intergovernmental Update
Council received a closed session intergovernmental update.
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Under pressure

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There are multiple ways to address the financial strain faced by households with stronger economic growth – and the jobs and income that go along with it – playing a critical role.

In the short-term, U.S. tariffs, higher prices due to the war in the Middle East and the uncertainty related to both are significant headwinds holding back economic growth and there is little we can do about this on our own (other than doing the best we can negotiating with the U.S. on trade).

Circling back to the Consumer Price Index numbers we get next week, inflation in March is going to be higher due to spiking gasoline prices with other costs rising the longer the conflict lasts and higher energy

and fertilizer costs flow through to other goods and services.

On the bright side, U.S. tariffs are lower than originally threatened and the Alberta labour market has improved over the last year.

There is also much we can do in terms of improving Canada's productivity via reducing internal economic barriers, diversifying our international trade and successfully executing major projects. As the survey results highlight, this is not just about generating more GDP, but improving the financial situation of real people.

**The latest data were compiled by Ipsos on behalf of MNP LTD between March 10 and March 11, 2026. For this survey, a sample of 2,000 Canadians aged 18 years and over was interviewed.*



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