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In early May, representatives from the Morinville Community Library and the St. Albert Sturgeon Community Foundation pose with a \$4,620 donation cheque supporting the library's Dolly Parton Imagination Library program, which provides free books to children in the community. **Morinville Community Library photo**

Morinville fashion show highlights sustainability and community spirit



Town of Morinville photos

Community volunteers model thrifted outfits during Morinville's annual fashion show celebrating sustainability and creativity.



By Shelley
Winger

Residents filled the Morinville Community Cultural Centre on May 13 for this year's Thrifted Fashion Show and Clothing Swap, an event celebrating sustainable fashion, community involvement and creativity.

The evening combined a community runway show, live student music and a large-scale clothing swap designed to encourage residents to reuse and recycle clothing rather than send items to landfill.

Volunteer models of all ages took to the runway wearing thrifted outfits

ranging from casual wear to formal attire, drawing applause from the crowd throughout the evening.

Alongside the fashion show, attendees browsed tables of donated clothing and accessories while students from Morinville Community High School provided live music during the event.

Fusion Thrift Shoppe contributed clothing donations, coordinated volunteer models and provided door prizes for attendees.

Students and staff from Morinville Community High

School also helped organize and support the evening through modelling, hospitality, hair and makeup, clothing sorting and cleanup efforts.

The event also featured a presentation from GSACRD Voice focused on the connection between mental health and thrifting. School Board Trustee Kelsey Hynes delivered the land acknowledgement.

Organizers thanked the many volunteers, community groups and residents who contributed to the event's success.

The annual event continues to grow as a community-focused initiative promoting sustainability, creativity and local connection through fashion and reuse.



A volunteer model walks the runway during Morinville's Thrifted Fashion Show and Clothing Swap at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre on May 13.

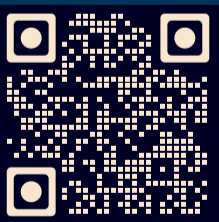
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Students giving back through Sturgeon Interact Club

Members of the Rotary Club of Morinville Sturgeon support the Sturgeon Interact Club's Parkinson's awareness fundraiser at Sturgeon Composite High School earlier this month.



Students volunteer at a face-painting station during the Sturgeon Interact Club's Parkinson's disease fundraising campaign held May 22 at Sturgeon Composite High School.



By Shelley Winger

Students at Sturgeon Composite High School are making an impact beyond the classroom through the school's Interact Club, a student-led organization focused on community service and volunteerism.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Morinville Sturgeon, the club encourages students to take on leadership roles while organizing projects that support both local and global causes.

According to promotional information shared by the school when the club launched in 2023, the Interact Club was created to help students "focus on giving back to the communities of Sturgeon County."

Interact Clubs operate under Rotary International and are designed for youth ages 12 to 18. The clubs emphasize community involvement, leadership development

and volunteer service through student-led initiatives.

Earlier this month, members of the Sturgeon Interact Club hosted a Parkinson's disease fundraising campaign at Sturgeon Composite High School in support of the Parkinson Association of Alberta. Held May 22, the event featured a walk-a-thon, field games and a community "Show N' Shine" vehicle display aimed at raising both awareness and donations for Parkinson's disease support and research initiatives.

Organizers encouraged students and community members to participate in the day's activities, with proceeds supporting Parkinson's awareness efforts in Alberta. Participants in the walk-a-thon were invited to walk around the school field while collecting donations, and the event also included a free lunch for those taking part.

The fundraiser reflected the Interact Club's focus on leadership and

community involvement by giving students the opportunity to organize a large-scale awareness campaign while supporting a cause that affects many individuals and families. Through initiatives like the Parkinson's campaign, students gain experience in teamwork, volunteerism and event planning while making a positive impact in the broader community.

The club meets during lunch hours at the school and gives students opportunities to participate in volunteer projects, fundraising campaigns and community events. School promotional materials also note that participation can help students build leadership experience and strengthen resumes and post-secondary applications. As the Interact Club continues to grow, organizers hope more students will become involved in projects that encourage service, leadership and community connection.



Rotary Club of Morinville photos

Students help collect donations during a Parkinson's disease awareness and fundraising event organized by the Sturgeon Interact Club at Sturgeon Composite High School.

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Sturgeon County resident dealing with extensive damage following April earthquakes



By Haylee Winger

A homeowner in the Legal area says a series of earthquakes felt across Sturgeon County earlier this spring left his home with major structural damage and his family shaken by the experience.

The earthquakes were reportedly felt in several communities throughout the region, including Morinville, Redwater, Legal, Bon Accord, Gibbons, Edmonton and surrounding areas.

According to Earthquakes Canada, a 4.1-magnitude earthquake was recorded on April 18 approximately 18 kilometres northeast of Morinville and about 41 kilometres north of Edmonton at 3:56 p.m. The Alberta Geological Survey classified the event as a known induced earthquake. Officials believe the April 18 earthquake may have been an aftershock connected to the larger 4.5-magnitude earthquake that struck near Gibbons on April 1. Several other earthquakes were also recorded in the region in April. A 3.7-magnitude earthquake was reported northwest of Gibbons on April 8, while a 3.2-magnitude quake was recorded north of the community on April 3.

Peter Pedgerachny remembers the first tremor hitting while he was sitting at his kitchen table.

"There was a loud noise, almost like an airplane was right on top of the roof," he said. "Then all of a sudden the dishes started rattling, the cupboards were shaking, and it even tipped one of the chairs beside my table."

A second quake followed roughly 30 seconds later, although he said it was less intense and did not appear to cause any visible damage at

the time.

The stronger earthquake came on April 18 at around 4 p.m.

"I was standing in my washroom when it happened," Pedgerachny said. "There was another loud bang and it actually shuffled my feet sideways. I honestly thought the hallway wall was going to come down."

He estimates the shaking lasted close to 20 seconds.

Afterward, he walked through the house and quickly realized something was wrong.

"There were cracks everywhere," he said. "I've got three-foot cracks in the walls, the drywall ceiling in my living room is sagging, and one wall between the living room and kitchen shifted about a quarter inch."

He said nearly every room in the home now has visible damage, with the exception of one upstairs bedroom. Outside, several cracks have also appeared in the cement foundation, some measuring more than a foot long. Pedgerachny contacted his insurance company soon after discovering the damage. An adjuster later inspected the property.

"He told me they were fresh cracks from the earthquake," he said.

According to Pedgerachny, the estimated repair costs are around \$130,000, although that figure could increase depending on engineering assessments and possible asbestos removal.

He later learned his insurance policy does not include earthquake coverage.

The earthquakes in the area were reported as induced seismic events connected to industrial activity, something Pedgerachny says has been difficult to accept while dealing with the aftermath.

"I'm wondering how many other people out there have



Sagging drywall in the living room ceiling is among the damage Sturgeon County resident Peter Pedgerachny says was caused by a series of earthquakes felt throughout the region earlier this spring.



Cracking in the drywall appeared throughout the home following the seismic activity in the area.

damage like this," he said. "This is something that's happening and causing a lot of damage to people."

He described the experience as frightening and unlike anything he has ever experienced before.

"I've never gone through something like this in my life," he said. "Just the noise alone was scary."

Two of Pedgerachny's neighbours also felt the tremors.

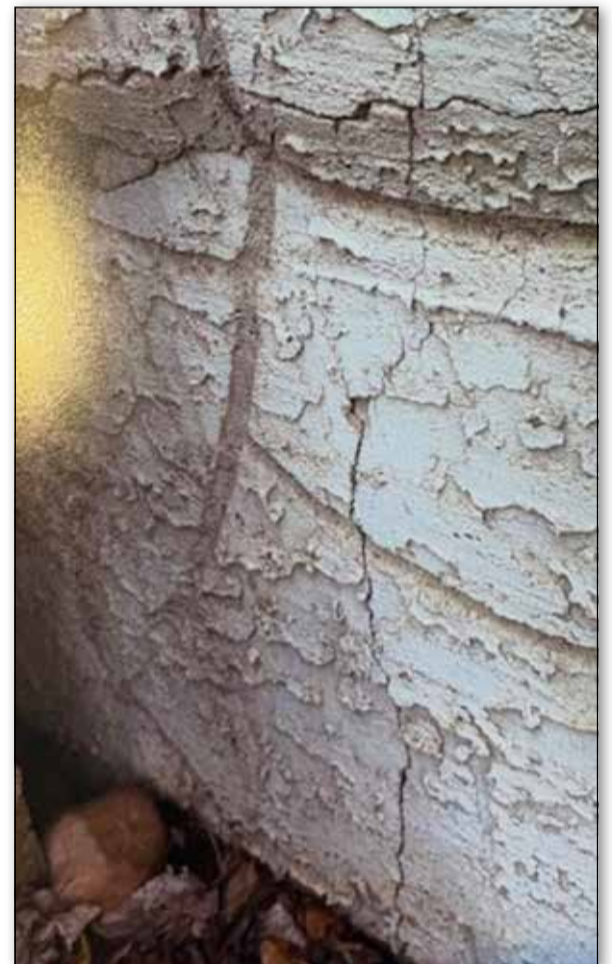
One initially believed a vehicle had crashed into his home because of the force and noise of the shaking, although neither neighbour reported any visible damage.

For Pedgerachny, however, the aftermath has brought ongoing uncertainty about the condition of his home and what steps come next.

"My insurance company told me if I think the house isn't



A large crack in the ceiling is one of several areas of damage found throughout the home after the earthquakes.



Cracks in the home's concrete foundation were among the damages discovered after the earthquakes.

safe, I should find somewhere else to stay," he said. "But how do you just get up and leave your home?"

He said the experience has also made him realize how important it is for homeowners to fully understand their insurance coverage before a disaster occurs.

Pedgerachny is encouraging residents throughout the area to review their

insurance policies carefully and confirm whether earthquake-related damage is included in their coverage.

He also hopes others who may have experienced cracks, shifting, or other damage following the earthquakes will come forward and share their experiences.

Residents wishing to contact Pedgerachny can reach him at 780-297-8341.

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Meals on Wheels volunteers honoured at appreciation tea



Homeland Housing CEO Raymond Cormie, Mayor Simon Boersma making a presentation to Meals on Wheels member Debi Thomas.



Photos by Lucie Roy

6903 Group photo of some of the Meals on Wheels volunteers with Mayor Simon Boersma, Homeland Housing CEO Raymond Cormie and Community Manager Robert Sebesten.



By Haylee Winger

More than 25 people gathered at the Morinville Leisure Centre on Tuesday to recognize Meals on Wheels volunteers and celebrate the retirement of Irene Grant after 30 years of service.

The Appreciation Tea brought together volunteers, community leaders and supporters of the program for an afternoon of recognition and thanks.

Homeland Housing CEO Raymond Cormie praised Grant's long-standing dedication.

"Today is about recognizing Irene Grant for her dedication and volunteerism and all the work you folks do each and every day to support and build community," he said.

Cormie described her impact as "a profound difference — one meal, one visit, one conversation at a time," adding that she brought "comfort and connection" to those she served.

Mayor Simon

Boersma also thanked volunteers, saying Meals on Wheels represents far more than meal delivery.

"That meal you are delivering is not only about nutrition; it is about connection, dignity, independence," he said.

He also highlighted the importance of volunteers stepping up in the community, including an 11-year-old volunteer named Jackson.

Emcee Debi Thomas thanked volunteers and Heritage Place Lodge staff for their ongoing

support, noting the dedication required to deliver meals in all conditions.

"Thank you very much for what you do from your heart," she

said.

Thomas added that Grant spent years mentoring volunteers and building relationships with clients. Following

speeches, volunteers were recognized by the Town of Morinville and Homeland Housing before guests enjoyed cake and refreshments.



Homeland Housing CEO Raymond Cormie, Mayor Simon Boersma making a presentation to Meals on Wheels member Debi Thomas.



Members of the Morinville Youth Basketball Association U15 Sabres pose with their championship trophy after finishing 5-0 at the DT Elite Spring Invitational tournament held May 23-24 in Red Deer. **Morinville Youth Basketball photo**

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Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	June 9	2:00 PM
ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee	June 10	9:00 AM
Agricultural Service Board	June 10	10:30 AM
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— **Management & Staff**

Waiting for the world to change? Takeaways from the 2026 ATB Business Summit

By Mark Parsons,
ATB ECONOMICS

ATB's fifth annual Business Summit was held recently in Edmonton. The theme this year, Navigating a New Era: Resilience, Trade and the Alberta Advantage, provided fertile ground for an economic update to Alberta's business leaders. Sifting through the noise, the presentation took many turns, ending with some cautious optimism. Here are the key takeaways.

Surviving the shock

While preparing for the presentation, I couldn't help but reflect on where we were this time last year; facing existential dread over sweeping U.S. tariffs. Today, the dust has settled into a new normal.

We at ATB Economics have discussed the 'rupture' and 'new world order' at length over the past few months. From U.S. protectionism to the UAE exiting OPEC, nations are looking inward. In the post-rupture world, economic strength is being used by countries to exert force on others; geopolitics are the central variable changing how countries organize trade.

Equity markets have staged a post-tariff comeback, fuelled by an AI boom that's been driving the economy amid geopolitical turmoil. Even with the impact of the Iran war choking the Strait of Hormuz—which transports about a fifth of global oil and natural gas (and is also a key route for fertilizer)—markets are signaling that the crisis will pass and the Strait will soon reopen.

Diagnosing the engine

Looking under the hood of the national economy tells a deeper story. Over the last decade, Canada's real GDP per capita has struggled to grow. Consumer and government spending have carried the load, while private business investment and international exports have lagged behind.

The Bank of Canada cannot save the consumer this time with ultra-low interest rates. Driven by war and global supply shocks, the Bank's Governing Council

will look through short-term spikes in gasoline, diesel and fertilizer costs, but will not let high prices persist. The policy interest rate is forecast to hold steady at 2.25% this year, but risks are tilted to higher (not lower) rates if energy costs remain elevated and feed through the broader basket of goods and services we purchase every day.

This malaise affects everyday lives: an overwhelming 66% of Canadians cite the rising cost of living as one of the most important issues facing Canada. The affordability crisis is reshaping society—the share of young adults living with their parents has been rising, especially in expensive housing markets.

The CUSMA reality check

As part of the Summit's panel on trade, Adam Legge (Business Council of Alberta) and Theo Argitis (Business Council of Canada) emphasized that this era of uncertainty requires corporate planning to build structural resilience. Argitis highlighted that supply chains are shifting away from vulnerable 'just-in-time' systems, pushing commercial inventories to their highest levels since the 1990s as a hedge against global shocks.

Regarding the mandatory July 1st CUSMA review milestone, both panelists urged business leaders to tune out the political theatre, and keep in mind that even if a deal isn't reached on July 1, our existing trade agreement won't fall apart.

Given the uneven nature of U.S. tariffs across industries, the key will be presenting a united front while addressing regional grievances. For example, Ontario and Quebec will be looking for the reduction or elimination of aluminum and steel tariffs. While Alberta is relatively insulated given its composition of exports (primarily energy), it will join other provinces in looking to preserve its exemptions on CUSMA compliant goods. Rather than expecting friction-free access, the true path forward requires Canada to aggressively market its assets while patiently courting foreign capital to

build connections to global buyers.

Seizing the opportunity

We cannot sit back and wait for the world to change. Our dependence on sending trade south leaves us at the mercy of U.S. politics. Prime Minister Mark Carney has announced a goal to double Canada's non-U.S. exports over the next decade, expanding our global trade footprint.

To get there, we can leverage structural advantages, such as:

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- **AI Infrastructure:** Private construction of U.S. data centres is accelerating at a historic annual rate exceeding \$45 billion. AI requires immense baseload power, positioning Western Canada—with its vast natural gas reserves and world-class AI research—in the middle of this wave.

- **Agri-Food and Tourism:** Alberta is transforming raw commodities into high-value revenue. Private footprints like McCain's manufacturing buildouts are making Alberta a processing hub, while Canada offers water advantages as drought concerns mount. Simultaneously, international tourism is taking flight as a service export, unlocked by expanded global airport capacity.

Now what? The upside in our economic forecast doesn't come from hoping that the external geopolitical chaos resolves itself. It comes from within Canada's borders.

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Town of Morinville photo



A member of the Rotary Club of Morinville Sturgeon helps deliver Tim Hortons Smile Cookies in support of the PARTY Program and the Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation during the community fundraiser held in May. The initiative highlighted local partnerships focused on youth awareness and community support.

Rotary Club of Morinville Sturgeon photo

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Pincemin, Richard Lorne
April 15, 1958- May 18, 2026

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Richard (Snapper) Pincemin, of St. Albert, AB on the 18th of May 2026 at the age of 68 years.

He will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by his wife of 45 years, Christine; children: Tyler (Lindsay), Tanner (Samantha) and Angela (Paul); grandchildren: Jordan, Jaydee, Jax, Jre, Lili- mae, Lyra, Levi, Livia, Lyla and Walker; sisters, Gloria (Ralph), Linda (Walter), Tammy (Garnet); brothers: Larry (Erin), Dale, Howie, Eric (Caroline); brothers-in-law, Brian (Tammy), Ronnie (Judy), sisters-in-law, Colleen, Patsy, Terry (Darren); as well as numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends.

Richard was predeceased by his parents Norman and Madeline Pincemin; grandson, Jaydan Pincemin; nephews, Johnny and Jamie Gillies; his brothers in-law, Pat Beck, Eugene Ostrowercha; nephew-in-law, Dallas Beck; father-in-law, Tom Davison; mother-in-law, Belle Davison and Kae Davison.

Richard was born in Kindersley, Sask on April 15, 1958. He took his schooling in Kindersley. His early years were spent helping on the farm with his brothers and sisters. He worked many jobs making lifelong friends along the way. Most notably his work family at Norfab Manufacturer as a welder/fabricator. He had a wonderful work ethic and he was very proud of his work.

Richard met Christine in Kindersley and two years later they were married and starting their family on an acreage outside of Kindersley. They then moved to Morinville, Alberta for work and over the years Richard developed many different passions such as sprint car racing (where he worked as pitcrew for his son and nephew), hockey (where he followed his boys and grandson faithfully), motorcycles (his beloved Harley) and spending time with his family whom he loved so very much and was so proud of. He will be deeply missed, forever and always.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to Dr. Roque, Dr. Pen Li and Dr. Stewart for their care and compassion for Richard during his struggles with illness these last few years.

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