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Alexander First Nation celebrates tradition at annual Pow Wow



By Haylee
Winger

Culture, tradition, dancing and drumming filled the powwow arbor over the weekend as

Alexander First Nation hosted its Traditional Pow Wow and Market from Aug. 21 to 23.

The three-day gathering brought families, dancers, drummers, vendors and visitors together

under the theme **"Strengthening Our Traditions."**

Alexander First Nation Chief George Arcand Jr. spoke to those gathered Saturday afternoon, reflecting on

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Lucie Roy photo

Alexander First Nation Chief George Arcand Jr. speaks to those gathered Saturday afternoon during the Alexander First Nation Traditional Pow Wow and Market. The three-day event, held Aug. 21-23, brought the community together for a weekend of culture, tradition, dancing and drumming under the theme "Strengthening Our Traditions."

Morinville rider takes part in Rolling Barrage



Peterson gets ready for departure during the Rolling Barrage. - Lucie Roy Photo

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Ed Bulger and the choir perform *May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You* at the farewell gathering.



By Haylee Winger

Parishioners, friends and community members gathered at Fable Gardens Hall on Sunday, Aug. 23, for a farewell and multicultural potluck honouring Father Trini Pinca.

Father Trini recently celebrated his final service at St. Jean Baptiste Catholic Church in Morinville before moving to St. Dominic Parish and Assumption Parish in Cold Lake.

The gathering included speeches, food and music, with Ed Bulger and the choir performing *May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You*.

Father Trini Pinca with a gift presented by Kelsey Hynes, Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Ward 2 Trustee.



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Morinville rider takes part in Rolling Barrage



By Haylee
Winger

Morinville resident Bob Peterson was among the riders who took part in the 10th annual Rolling Barrage, a cross-country motorcycle ride raising awareness of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other mental-health challenges.

The Rolling Barrage is an annual

coast-to-coast motorcycle ride across Canada. Its mission is to help end the stigma surrounding PTSD and support veterans, serving Canadian Armed Forces members, first responders and others in public-safety communities.

The organization says the ride brings together military veterans, first responders and civilian supporters who share a common goal

of raising awareness and supporting people affected by PTSD.

The 2026 ride began in St. John's, Newfoundland, on July 28 and concluded in Aldergrove, B.C., on Aug. 22. The official route included stops across Canada, including several Alberta communities.

Peterson joined the riders during their Alberta journey. The group stopped at the Barrhead Royal Canadian Legion, where

riders were treated to pizza before continuing toward May-erthorpe and the Fallen Four Memorial Park, and then on to Hinton.

Not all participants ride the entire route. The Rolling Barrage provides daily route information for riders who join for portions of the journey.

The organization emphasizes that PTSD and other mental-health challenges can affect people in many occupations and that not all wounds are visible.

For Peterson and the other participants, the ride provided an opportunity to come together, raise awareness and show support for those affected by PTSD.

The 2026 ride marked the Rolling Barrage's 10th annual cross-country journey.



Riders prepare for departure during the 2026 Rolling Barrage.



Lucie Roy photos

Bob Peterson of Morinville was among the riders taking part in the 10th annual Rolling Barrage, a cross-country motorcycle ride raising awareness of PTSD and supporting veterans and first responders.



Richard LeSueur and Bob Peterson at a rest stop in Barrhead during the Rolling Barrage.

The poster has a white and light blue icy texture background. At the top left, there's a wide shot of an ice skating rink with several people. On the right side, three circular cutouts show different scenes: a woman helping a child over a red hurdle, a child skating towards the camera, and two women skating together. The text is primarily on the left side, with 'FREE Drop-In' in a dark green banner at the top right. The main title 'FLOWPOINT FUN Skate SUNDAYS' uses various fonts and colors (teal, blue, black). The event details like date, time, and location are clearly stated. A safety notice about helmets is accompanied by a small helmet icon. The bottom section identifies the sponsor as Flowpoint and Morinville.

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Morinville Farmers' Market enjoys successful 2026 season



By Shelley Winger

The Morinville Farmers' Market has been having a successful 2026 season, with an average of about 40 vendors setting up each Sunday and strong support from the local community.

Market Manager Serena Brenneis said the season has included a mix of returning vendors and new businesses, despite weather that has sometimes made things challenging for an outdoor market.

"Outdoor markets are always at the mercy of Mother Nature, and the rain can have a noticeable impact on attendance," Brenneis said.

Even with a number



Morinville Farmers' Market photos

Vendors fill the Morinville Farmers' Market with fresh produce, baked goods and other locally made products during the 2026 season.

of rainy Sundays, vendors have continued to show up and so have local shoppers.

The market has offered a wide variety of products, including fresh produce, meat, baking, prepared foods, handmade products, artisan goods, food trucks and offerings from young entrepreneurs.

This

organizers have also focused on making the market about more than simply shopping. The goal is to create a place where families can spend part of their Sunday, grab something to eat, visit with others and discover local businesses.

Free activities for children, including bubbles, sidewalk chalk and yard

games, have been added throughout the season. While simple, the activities give children something to enjoy while their parents shop and encourage families to stay and spend time at the market.

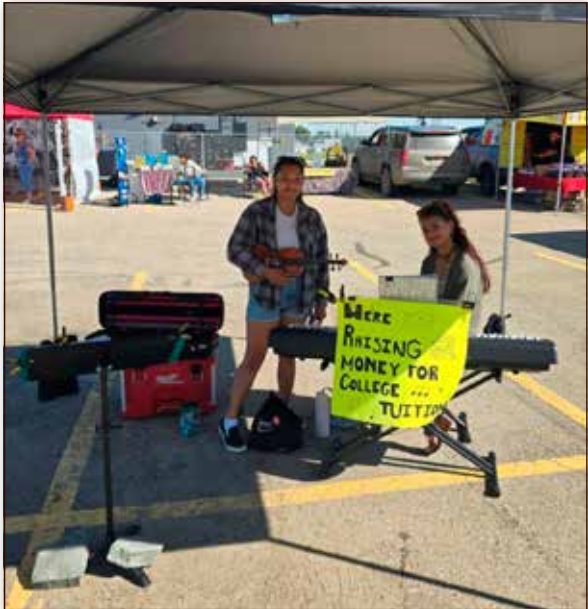
Youth vendors and young entrepreneurs have also been given more opportunities to showcase their creations, interact with customers and gain experience selling their own products.

Special events have been another highlight of the season, while the relationships that have developed between vendors and customers have become an important part of the market's appeal.

"We have people who come back week after week specifically to see their favourite vendors, and that is really special," Brenneis said.

For local vendors, the market provides an opportunity to start or grow a business while connecting directly with customers.

For some, it is an important part of their business, while



Local musicians provide entertainment for shoppers at the Morinville Farmers' Market.



JW Farm Fresh Greens offers sourdough breads, bagels and other fresh products at the Morinville Farmers' Market.

for others it may be the first opportunity they have had to sell something they created themselves.

Brenneis said she enjoys watching vendors grow throughout the season, build relationships with customers and support one another.

For the wider community, the Farmers' Market has become more than a place to shop.

"It's a gathering place," Brenneis said. "People come down, run into someone they know, talk to the vendors, grab lunch and spend some time together."

She said every purchase at the market can have an impact beyond the product being bought.

"When someone spends \$10 with one of our vendors, they aren't just buying a product. They're supporting a local maker, farmer, baker or small-business owner – and very often, they're supporting a local family."

With the 2026 season continuing, the market remains a Sunday destination for residents looking to shop locally, support small businesses and spend time in the community.



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RCMP

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Morinville RCMP reminds motorists that school's back in session and school bus safety is a top priority

RCMP Release

With the new school year now underway, Morinville RCMP is reminding all motorists that school bus safety remains a top priority.

As students return to classrooms, school buses are back on the roads and children are once again relying on drivers to follow the rules and keep them safe.

The excitement of a new school year, along with early mornings and busy routines, can increase distractions behind the wheel.

Now is not the time to be complacent.

Children can be unpredictable near roadways, especially when entering or exiting a school bus. That's why it's crucial to remain vigilant and aware of bus stop procedures and passing laws.

To help keep our roads safe for

all students, Morinville RCMP offers the following school bus safety reminders:

- If a school bus is stopped with red flashing lights and an extended stop arm, all drivers in both directions must stop, unless the roadway is physically divided by a median.
- On divided highways, only vehicles approaching the rear of the bus are required to stop.
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A fresh start becomes a growing local juice business



By Shelley Winger

What began as a personal dream for Brianna Wilson has quickly grown into a new local business, with A&B's Main Squeeze Natural Juices finding its place at farmers markets, community events and collaborations across Alberta.

The business was founded in late 2025, with its first market following in February 2026. Since then, what started as a small, hands-on operation has grown through word of mouth, returning customers and opportunities to work with other local businesses and organizations.

For Wilson, starting the business was about more than making and selling fresh juice. It was also about starting a completely new chapter of life.

Before launching A&B's Main Squeeze Natural Juices, Wilson spent almost 20 years working in mental health, addictions, complex

needs, behavioural supports, domestic violence survivor advocacy, shelters and group homes.

"I loved being able to help people, and that work shaped a huge part of who I am," she said.

But after nearly two decades of giving so much of herself to others, Wilson reached a point where she knew she needed a change.

"Leaving a career I had known for my entire adult life was terrifying," she said. "I never imagined that eventually I would have to give myself permission to begin a completely new journey of my own."

That journey became A&B's Main Squeeze Natural Juices. The early days involved learning virtually every part of running a food business, from developing recipes and juicing to bottles, labels, markets, food safety, pricing and production.

"There was a lot of trial and error, a lot of fruit, some very long days and definitely a few moments of wondering what I had gotten

myself into," Wilson said.

Her husband, Andrew, has also been an important supporter of the business, helping when an extra set of hands is needed and encouraging Wilson as the business has grown.

A&B's Main Squeeze focuses on cold-pressed juices made from fresh fruits, vegetables and roots. The business does not add water, sugar, preservatives, sulfites or additives.

"Our philosophy is actually very simple: juice should be juice, from plant to bottle," Wilson said.

Producing the juice involves sourcing, washing and preparing produce, pressing and bottling the juice and ensuring consistency and food safety throughout production. Because the juices are made in small batches, Wilson is personally involved in every bottle. That hands-on approach has also helped her build relationships with customers.

Customers can ask what goes into their juice, share their

favourite flavours and return week after week. Some have even brought friends to the booth after discovering the business themselves.

"We think that personal connection is one of the biggest things that sets A&B's Main Squeeze Natural Juices apart," Wilson said.

The business also uses glass bottles and encourages customers to return them as one way to reduce waste. The growth has been quick.

"In December 2025, A&B's Main Squeeze Natural Juices was still just a dream on paper," Wilson said. "My first market wasn't until February 2026, so to look at everything that has happened in such a short amount of time is something I still can't quite believe."

Local markets have been the foundation of the business, giving Wilson an opportunity to introduce people to the juices, hear feedback and build relationships face-to-face. More recently, A&B's Main Squeeze has begun collaborating with



Brianna Wilson and her husband, Andrew, showcase A&B's Main Squeeze Natural Juices at a local event. Wilson launched the business in 2025 and has seen it grow through markets, community events and local collaborations. - Brianna Wilson photo

other local businesses and organizations.

One recent collaboration was with Yarrowstead for its Yoga & Sound Bath Sunset Sanctuary, bringing the juices into a wellness-focused setting outside the traditional farmers market.

The business has also joined FindFood.ca, giving customers another way to discover local food producers and small businesses.

Other collaborations are currently in the works, although Wilson says those announcements will be coming soon.

For Wilson, some of the most exciting signs of growth are still the simple ones - selling out at a market, seeing familiar customers return, having someone recommend the business to a friend or being approached by another organization interested in working together.

"Growth isn't always about how big something becomes," she said. "Sometimes it's realizing that something you started from scratch is beginning to have a name, a community and a life of its own."

Looking ahead, Wilson hopes A&B's Main Squeeze Natural Juices will eventually be available not only at farmers

markets and events, but also in carefully chosen local stores and cafés. She would also like to continue developing collaborations, participating in community events and eventually creating opportunities for others as the business grows.

"I want to build something sustainable; not just financially, but something I can look at years from now and know that I created a life I'm proud of," Wilson said.

Starting over later in life may have been frightening, but building the business has shown Wilson that the skills developed during one chapter can help shape the next.

"Building A&B's Main Squeeze Natural Juices has taught me that starting over doesn't mean losing everything you built before," she said.

For a business that is still in its early days, the future looks busy. Wilson hopes A&B's Main Squeeze continues to grow without losing the personal connection that helped it get started.

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Alexander First Nation
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the significance of Treaty 6 and looking ahead to an important milestone for the Nation.

Chief Arcand spoke about the 150th anniversary of Treaty 6 this year and the significance of

2027, when Alexander First Nation will mark 150 years since its adhesion to Treaty 6 in 1877.

Alexander First Nation, also known as Kipohtakaw, is a Cree community in central Alberta, approximately 17 kilometres west of Morinville.

The Nation is part of the Treaty 6 Confederacy.

Grand Entries were held throughout the weekend, bringing dancers, Chiefs, royalty and community members into the powwow arbor.

The Grand Entry was led by the Eagle Staff and flags, followed by Chief Arcand, members of Chief and Council, visiting Chiefs and royalty.

Adult men and women dancers, teens, children and tiny tots followed as the procession entered the arbor.

Following the blessing, a victory dance was held, followed by intertribal dancing.

Royalty attending

the event included princesses from communities across Alberta.

Among those attending was Justine Arcand-Strawberry, Miss Queen Teen Alberta 2026, from Spruce Grove.

The weekend also featured numerous vendors and food trucks, giving visitors an opportunity to enjoy a variety of food, including bannock burgers and bannock hot dogs.

The event provided an opportunity for the community and visitors to come together in celebration of Alexander First Nation's culture, traditions and connection to Treaty 6.



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Justine Arcand-Strawberry, Miss Queen Teen Alberta 2026, attended the Alexander First Nation Traditional Pow Wow and Market.



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Redwater Town Hall focuses on AI Data Centre Development



By Haylee Winger

Residents, government officials and members of the media gathered in Redwater on August 20 for the province's second town hall meeting addressing artificial intelligence data centres in Sturgeon County. Vitor Marciano, Chief of Staff for Energy and Minerals, moderated the meeting.

Joining him on stage were Dale Nally, MLA for Morinville-St. Albert and Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, and Nate Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation.

The town hall focused on questions and concerns



Nate Glubish, Alberta's Minister of Technology and Innovation, speaks to the audience during Thursday's town hall in Redwater. Seated is Dale Nally, MLA for Morinville-St. Albert and Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction.

surrounding Meta's proposed \$13-billion, one-gigawatt data centre in Sturgeon County.

The facility will cover nearly 270,000 square metres and is located in the area of Highway 643 and Range Road 223.

Sturgeon County says it is taking a planned and responsible approach

to data-centre development, focusing on appropriate locations, clear rules and long-term benefits for residents.

Sturgeon County has also established regulations governing data-processing facilities through its Land Use Bylaw.

The area is also home to other proposed data-centre



Lucie Roy photos

Residents, government officials and members of the media gathered in Redwater Thursday evening for the province's second town hall meeting on artificial intelligence data centres. The meeting focused on questions and concerns surrounding proposed developments in Sturgeon County.

and power projects, including the Beacon Heartland AI Data Center Hub and the Greenlight Electricity Centre. Beacon is a separate proposed data-centre development in Sturgeon County, with four proposed 200-megawatt data halls and a 920-megawatt proposed power-generation facility.

Greenlight is a

932-megawatt natural-gas-fired, combined-cycle power-generation facility being developed in Sturgeon County to provide dedicated power to a data-centre customer.

The Greenlight project has an estimated total cost of approximately \$4.6 billion, including financing costs.

The Redwater

meeting was the second town hall held as part of the province's engagement on AI data centres. Residents had an opportunity to hear from provincial officials and raise questions and concerns about the proposed developments.

Another in-person town hall was held on August 27 in Grande Prairie.

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