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Morinville fire hall opens doors to community



By Shelley
Winger

Morinville residents will have an opportunity to meet local firefighters, explore emergency equipment and learn more about fire safety during the annual Partners in Protection Morinville Fire

Hall Open House.

The free, family-friendly event takes place October 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Don Found Fire Station at 10021 100 Street.

The open house is designed to bring residents and local emergency services together in a relaxed, interactive setting while helping build

awareness around fire prevention and safety.

Residents of all ages can meet local firefighters and first responders, explore fire trucks and equipment, learn more about fire prevention and safety, and even experience what it's like to use a fire hose.

The hands-on activities are intended

to give families a closer look at the equipment and people they may encounter during an emergency, while making fire safety

information accessible and engaging for children.

"This year's Open House will also include representatives

from the RCMP, Alberta Health Services, Enforcement Services and Morinville's policing committees,"

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A young visitor gets a hands-on lesson in firefighting with help from a Morinville firefighter during the 2025 Fire Hall Open House. The annual event returns October 3, giving residents a chance to meet local firefighters, explore emergency equipment and learn about fire safety. - **Town of Morinville photo**

Sturgeon County encourages residents to take FireSmart action



Pine Sands residents recently came together to clean up their community, helping reduce wildfire risks and support FireSmart efforts. Pine Sands is located approximately 25 kilometres northwest of Morinville in Sturgeon County. - **Sturgeon County photo** See article on page 3

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Morinville offers plenty of ways to stay active this fall



By Shelley Winger

Morinville residents have plenty of options to stay active, learn something new or simply get out of the house as the community heads into fall.

The Town of Morinville's 2026 Fall Program Guide features a variety of recreation and community programs for children, youth, adults and older adults.

Programs are offered through the Morinville Leisure Centre and other community facilities.

Among the offerings are youth fitness programs, including Teen Gym 101 and Teen Fitness Foundations, as well as

Home School Physical Education.

Adult programming includes Hatha Yoga and Relax & Restore classes beginning in October.

There are also several free opportunities available. Pembina Youth Activate provides free Friday access to the Morinville Leisure Centre for youth ages 12 to 19, while Flowpoint Fun Skate offers free skating Sundays through March 2027.

For families with young children, Silly Sprouts provides a free drop-in opportunity featuring songs, rhymes, stories and play for children ages six and under and their caregivers.

The Town also offers the Wellness & Recreation Access Program, which

helps eligible low-income Morinville residents participate in recreation, fitness and community programs.

Qualified applicants can receive up to \$250 per person toward eligible activities.

The fall program guide is available online, with printed copies distributed throughout Morinville, including at Town Hall, the Morinville Community Cultural Centre, the Morinville Leisure Centre, the community library and local businesses.

The variety of programming gives residents opportunities to take part in activities close to home, whether they are looking for exercise, social connection or something to keep



the family busy.

With options ranging from organized fitness classes to free drop-in activities, there are programs available for a range of ages and interests.

Registration and program details can vary by activity, so residents are

encouraged to check the Fall Program Guide for schedules, locations, age requirements and registration information.

With the fall season underway, the lineup offers Morinville residents plenty of ways to stay involved in the community.

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Sturgeon County encourages residents to take FireSmart action


By Haylee Winger

Sturgeon County is encouraging residents to take practical steps around their properties to help reduce the risk of wildfire.

Through FireSmart, residents can make simple changes to their yards, landscaping and homes that can help lessen the chance of wildfire damage.

Sturgeon County recommends

removing combustible materials such as dried branches, leaves, firewood and debris from around homes, maintaining lawns and vegetation, and pruning trees to reduce potential wildfire fuels.

The importance of those efforts was recently demonstrated in Pine Sands, where residents came together for a community FireSmart cleanup day.

Residents worked on their own properties to clear brush, remove ladder

fuels, prune trees and maintain defensible space around their homes. The work not only helps individual properties, but can also contribute to reducing wildfire risk throughout the neighbourhood.

The Pine Sands initiative is the first of its kind in Sturgeon County and shows what can be accomplished when residents and community partners work together on wildfire preparedness.

RMS Land Clearing supported the cleanup by generously donating a crew and equipment for the day. Their contribution and expertise helped residents with the work involved in clearing potential wildfire fuels.

Sturgeon County also thanked the residents who participated and everyone

who contributed their time and effort to the initiative.

The County hopes the success of the Pine Sands cleanup will help expand similar initiatives to other communities in the future.

For homeowners looking to take action on their own properties, Sturgeon County recommends starting with the area immediately surrounding the home.

The County's FireSmart guidance recommends keeping combustible materials out of the first 1.5 metres around homes and attached structures, while vegetation and other materials in areas farther from the home should also be managed to reduce the intensity and spread of wildfire.

Residents can also reduce wildfire risk



by keeping grass and weeds maintained, cleaning leaves and debris from roofs and gutters, pruning tree branches and managing vegetation around their property.

Sturgeon County encourages residents to learn FireSmart methods and share

them with their communities as part of being prepared for wildfire.

More information about protecting your property and making your home FireSmart is available through Sturgeon County's Fire Prevention resources.



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Beating strong: Alberta's Industrial Heartland

Rob Roach,
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Key points

- The Alberta Industrial Heartland region is a major hub for value-added processing of Alberta's oil and natural gas resources.
- The construction of Meta's \$13 billion data centre in the region along with an accompanying \$4.6 billion natural gas-powered electricity facility has added tech to the region's repertoire in a big way.
- As economies of

scale and industry clustering gain even more momentum, the region is poised for strong growth going forward.

Zeroing in

There are many unique regions within Alberta, with each of them contributing to the overall economy. One of these regions – dubbed Alberta's Industrial Heartland – is having its annual conference today in Edmonton (our Chief Economist Mark Parsons is speaking at the event), so we thought we'd provide

an update on some of the exciting economic developments taking place there.

As Alberta's first Designated Industrial Zone (DIZ), the Heartland region utilizes centralized environmental baselines and streamlined regulatory approvals, significantly lowering the time and cost required for companies to bring capital-intensive industrial builds online.

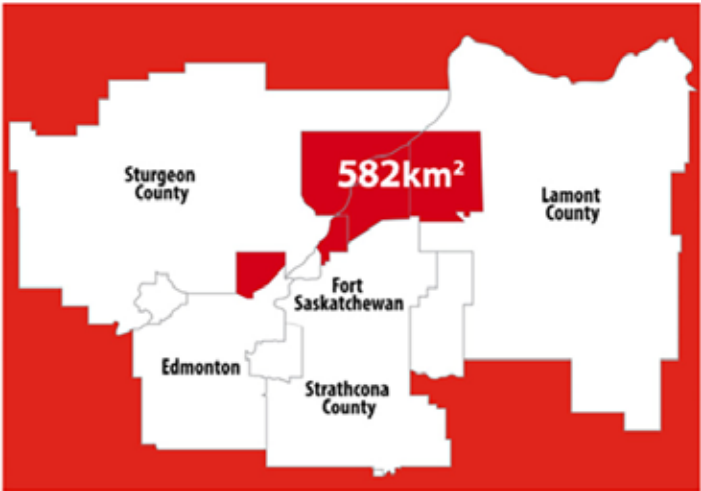
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World Suicide Prevention Day encouraged Albertans to start the conversation



By Haylee
Winger

Albertans were encouraged to start conversations about suicide and mental health as World Suicide Prevention Day was recognized on September 10.

The day provided an opportunity to raise awareness about the far-reaching effects of suicide, which can impact individuals, families, workplaces and communities. According to Recovery Alberta, suicide claimed more than 720,000 lives around the world each year.

Recovery Alberta emphasized that talking openly about suicide did not increase a person's risk. Compassionate conversations could instead help reduce risk and encourage

someone to seek support. Asking someone directly about thoughts of suicide could also be an important first step toward getting help.

The agency encouraged people to use the acronym REACH when supporting someone who may have been struggling.

The approach included recognizing signs that someone may have been having difficulty, engaging in conversation and listening with compassion, asking directly about thoughts of suicide, connecting the person with supports and services, and helping by taking care of one's own mental health and well-being.

Starting a conversation could sometimes feel difficult, but reaching out and listening could help reduce isolation and

connect someone with support.

Recovery Alberta provides mental health, addiction and recovery services for Albertans and their families, including crisis support, treatment and recovery programs.

Information about available services was available by calling 211 or visiting Recovery Alberta's website.

Anyone experiencing immediate danger or an emergency was urged to call 911, go to the nearest emergency department or contact the Suicide Crisis Helpline by calling or texting 988.

World Suicide Prevention Day served as a reminder that support was available and that reaching out, whether for yourself or someone else, could be an important step toward getting help.

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Getting the house ready before winter arrives



By Haylee Winger

Fall has a way of sneaking up on us. One day the windows are open and the yard is still being used for summer evenings, and the next, frost is showing up on the grass in the morning and winter suddenly feels much closer.

For homeowners, this is the time of year when a little preparation can pay off.

Before the snow arrives and temperatures begin to stay below freezing, there are a number of things around the house that are worth checking while the weather is still manageable.

The furnace is a good place to begin. After spending much of the summer sitting idle, it will soon be doing some of the hardest work of the year. Homeowners should

check the furnace filter and replace it if necessary, while also making sure heating vents and registers are clear. Having the furnace looked at before the cold weather arrives can also help identify problems before they become an emergency on a particularly cold night.

The rest of the house can use a quick inspection, too. Walk around windows and exterior doors and watch for places where cold air could find its way inside.

Worn weatherstripping, cracked caulking and small gaps around frames may not seem like much during the fall, but they can become noticeable once the furnace is running regularly.

Sealing those areas can help keep warm air inside where it belongs.

Outside, the roof and eavestroughs deserve some attention



Cleaning out eavestroughs is one of the fall maintenance jobs that can help prepare a home for the winter months. Removing leaves and debris allows water to drain properly and helps prevent potential problems when snow and ice arrive.



before snow starts to pile up.

Leaves and other debris can collect in gutters during the fall, while damaged shingles or loose areas may be easier to spot and repair before winter weather sets in. Downspouts should

be clear and directing water away from the foundation.

It is also time to put summer plumbing to bed. Garden hoses should be disconnected and stored, and homeowners should make sure outdoor water lines are drained or shut off as appropriate for the home's plumbing system.

A frozen pipe can cause considerable damage, making this a small job that is worth doing before the first hard freeze.

The yard itself can also be part of the seasonal cleanup. Patio furniture, gardening tools and other summer equipment can be put away, while branches that could become a problem under heavy snow or ice should be dealt with.

Clearing leaves and other debris from around the property can make spring cleanup easier as well.

For rural homeowners and anyone living near trees or heavier vegetation, fall is also

a good opportunity to take another look at the area surrounding the home.

Keeping vegetation maintained and reducing combustible material close to buildings are part of FireSmart practices and can help reduce the potential impact of wildfire.

Preparing for winter does not stop at the front door. Alberta weather can bring power outages and severe storms, so it is worth making sure

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Press Release

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In this scam, victims may receive an unsolicited phone call from someone claiming to work for a telecommunications provider.

The caller may tell the victim they are eligible for a free or discounted phone, tablet or other electronic device and may then convince the victim to upgrade their account or purchase a device.

After the device is delivered, the victim receives another call claiming there was an error with the order or account.

The victim is then instructed to return the

device to an address or PO Box controlled by the fraudster.

The device is ultimately obtained by the fraudster and may be resold, potentially leaving the victim responsible for the device, account and associated costs.

**Strathcona County RCMP
are encouraging residents to:**

Be cautious of unsolicited calls from individuals claiming to represent your telecommunications provider.

Do not provide personal information, account passwords, PINs or verification codes to an unsolicited caller.

Be suspicious of offers for free or significantly discounted electronic devices, particularly when you did not initiate the contact.

Never send a newly purchased device to a third party or an address provided by an unsolicited caller.

If you are told there has

been an error with your order, contact the telecommunications company directly using the phone number on your bill, official app, official website or by attending the store in person.

Do not rely on a phone number, email address or link provided by the person who contacted you.

Take your time. Fraudsters may create a sense of urgency to prevent you from verifying their story.

If something doesn't seem right, stop and independently confirm the information before taking any further action.

"Fraudsters can be very convincing and may use information that makes a call appear legitimate," says Constable Cheri-Lee Smith, Strathcona County RCMP Public Information Officer.

“If you receive an unexpected call about your account or a new device, take the time to independently

verify the information. A few minutes spent checking can prevent significant financial loss.”

If you believe you have

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Morinville fire hall

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said Correna Saunders, communications specialist with the Town of Morinville. Having several commu-nity protection partners together at the event gives residents an opportunity to meet more of the people who respond when help is needed.

It also provides families with a chance to ask ques-tions, learn about the dif-ferent roles of local emer-gency services and make positive connections with-in the community.

“We hope residents leave the event with a better un-derstanding of fire preven-tion and the simple steps they can take to help keep themselves and their fami-lies safe,” Saunders said.

The open house will also give residents a chance to meet Morinville’s local on-call firefighters and learn more about the skills and dedication involved in the role.

For families, it can be an opportunity to put a fami-liar face to the people who volunteer their time and training to help protect the community.

“Just as importantly, the Open House gives residents an opportunity to meet



A Morinville firefighter talks with a family while showing them equipment during the 2025 Fire Hall Open House. The event gives residents an opportunity to meet local emergency personnel and learn more about the work they do in the community. - Town of Morinville photo

their local on-call fire-fighters, learn more about the skills and dedication involved in the role, and build positive connections with the people who help keep our community safe,” Saunders said.

Free food and refresh-ments will be available throughout the event.

A hot dog lunch is be-ing supported by Chris and Tracey’s No Frills, while Tim Hortons Morinville is supporting free coffee

and hot chocolate, giving families another reason to stick around and visit with local emergency-service representatives.

The open house is free to attend and no registration is required.

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Alberta's Industrial Heartland

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industrial capacity in the Heartland is an important part of its growth story and is a key driver of Alberta's current and ongoing economic success.

As Canada's largest hydrocarbon processing region, Alberta's Industrial Heartland adds value to Alberta's abundant energy resources.

While investment in the extraction (a.k.a. upstream) side of the energy sector is still well below 2014 levels in Alberta, there has been a significant increase

in capital spending on new downstream facilities designed to process oil and gas resources here at home.

The momentum is tangible, with major projects like Dow's Fort Saskatchewan Path2Zero net-zero expansion project, Air Products' net-zero hydrogen energy complex, Yellowhead Pipeline Project, Imperial Oil's renewable diesel facility, and the Alberta Corridor Export Rail Terminal Project transforming the region.

These projects build on the success of those recently completed, like the

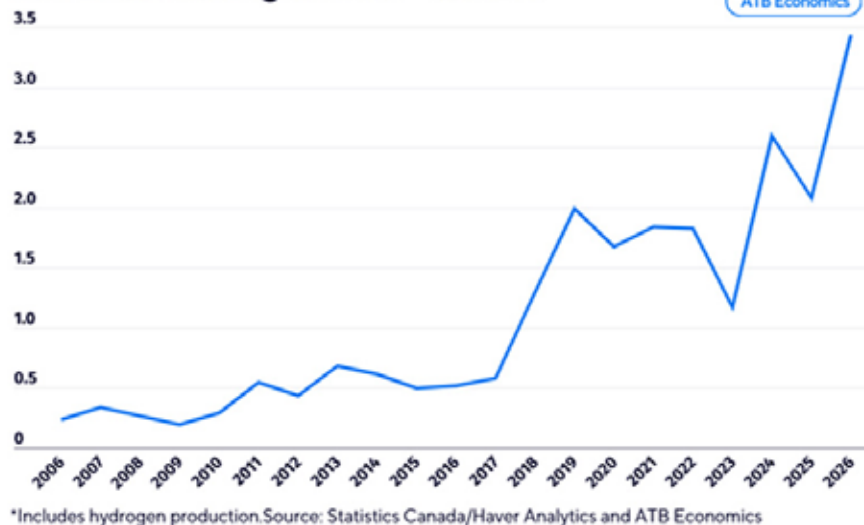
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They're multi-billion dollar investments that are having a material impact on Alberta's economy and outlook.

Adding data centres to the mix

Big Tech is also finding a home in the Heartland with Meta Platforms Inc. building a \$13 billion data centre in Sturgeon County. At peak construction, Meta estimates that more than 3,000 construction workers will be onsite with approximately 300 full-time

Capital spending in Alberta, chemical manufacturing sector* \$ billion



workers needed when it's operational. The facility will use power generated in Alberta by a new 932 MW natural gas-fired power generation facility. Scheduled to be operational by 2030, the Greenlight Electricity Centre is a \$4.6 billion project.

A bright future

The intersection of energy resources, value-added processing, and A.I. data processing in the Heartland bodes well for its ongoing role as a driver of economic

activity and growth in the province. From hydrogen production and carbon capture to biofuels and petrochemicals, the region's focus on

low-carbon processes will help Canada compete in global markets at a time when the world is looking for a safe and secure supply.

House preparations for winter

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emergency supplies are easy to find.

Flashlights, batteries, blankets, warm clothing and other basic supplies should be kept somewhere accessible rather than packed away in a place that is difficult to reach.

Homeowners who depend on a sump

pump may also want to consider how it would operate during a power outage and whether a backup option is appropriate for their property.

None of these jobs are particularly exciting, and few homeowners probably have "clean the eaves-troughs" at the top of their list of favourite fall activities. But dealing with them

now is generally easier than trying to solve the same problems in the middle of January.

The first snowfall will eventually arrive. Getting a few of the less glamorous jobs out of the way beforehand can help ensure that when winter does settle in, the focus can be on staying warm rather than discovering what should have been fixed in the fall.

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