# **CAO Report**

July 8, 2025



## **Community Needs Assessment**

The Community Needs Assessment progressed well through June, with the initial round of community engagement now complete. Approximately 250 residents participated through interviews, conversations, and focus groups. The second phase of engagement will resume in September, featuring community and youth surveys, as well as follow-up focus groups. These sessions will validate preliminary findings and help shape community-based solutions.

## **Summer Day Camps & LIT Program**

Summer Day Camps officially began on July 7 and will run for seven weeks. Registrations are strong, with several camps at capacity. The program includes our Leaders in Training (LIT) initiative, where two youth volunteers join each week to gain hands-on experience, contribute 35 volunteer hours, and build leadership skills in a supportive setting.

### **Exciting Facility Enhancements**

- The Mini Stick Rink was installed last week and is scheduled to launch in August.
- The Sports Memorabilia Displays for Sturgeon Hockey Club, the Mavericks, and the Skating Club are scheduled for installation the week of August 4–8.

#### **Recreation Software Rollout**

The internal launch of the Amilia Recreation Software was completed on June 3 and training is underway. The software will support Fall registration opening on August 12. This new platform will streamline program registration and provide improved analytics for facility and program usage.

#### **Community Programming**

- Summer Travelling Adventure This free drop-in program runs July 7 to August 21, offering weekly themed activities for children aged 6–12 at rotating outdoor park locations. Locations include The Lakes Park, Notre Dame Park, Morinville Splash Park, and South Glens Park, with the MLC as a backup for inclement weather.
- Morinville Yards in Bloom Nominations are open July 21 to August 14 at engagemorinville.ca. Categories include Best Overall Yard, Natural Front Yard, Public Spaces in Bloom, and Best Sustainable Yard. Winners will be announced on August 22.

#### **Provincial Program Launch Recognition**

As part of the province's modernization efforts, a new digital portal was launched in July to manage the LGFF Operating application, reporting, and approval process. This centralized system streamlines access to provincial funds, enhances transparency, and reduces administrative burden for both municipalities and the province. Our finance team helped with testing system access and helped ensure a smooth and timely launch, garnering recognition from Municipal Affairs. Their contribution enabled Morinville—and other municipalities—to access this new platform without delays, reinforcing our readiness to meet provincial program expectations.