

CAO Report

September 10, 2024



Regional Recap

Morinville is hosting the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Committee of the Whole meeting at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre on September 20, 2024. Collaborative Economic Development is finalizing its materials and will be kicking off a road show this fall, presenting it to all of the member Councils.

Fall Programs

Registration for our fall programs continues. New programs, including lunch hour fitness at the MLC, youth fitness classes and woodworking workshops, are being introduced, along with many existing favourites.

Community Partnership Naming Celebration

On Sunday, September 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., our community is invited to the Outdoor Multi-Sport Facility at 104 Street and 99 Avenue to celebrate a new community partnership. The community can enjoy free entertainment, games, and activities for all ages, including roller derby and basketball demos, and a special guest appearance by Hunter, the mascot of the Edmonton Oilers. The official announcement takes place at 11:15 a.m.

The Puck Drops Here

The Edmonton Oil Kings will be playing an exhibition game against the Red Deer Rebels at the Morinville Leisure Centre on September 14. This game sold out in a few hours. We are excited to host this event, which will support the Sturgeon Hockey Club.

Alberta Culture Days

This year's free celebration will be held on September 22 at Lions Park (99 Avenue and 104 Street). The theme is 'Bees,' and activities include crafts, food, and live performances. Culture Days is coordinated in partnership with the Morinville Community Library and the Morinville Art Club and is partly funded by the Government of Alberta.

Truth and Reconciliation Day

On September 26 from 5 – 9 p.m. at the MCCC, we will host an evening dedicated to honouring Residential School Survivors and their families, recognizing National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The evening will include reflection and support, fostering healing and understanding. Further information will be shared closer to the event.

Flowpoint Fun Skate

This free family skate is back on Sundays at the MLC from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. Our partnership with Flowpoint makes it possible for the second consecutive year.

Pembina Youth Activate

This program has been expanded through an enhanced sponsorship with Pembina Pipeline Corporation. Youths aged 12 – 19 enjoy free admission to the MLC every Friday from 4 - 9 p.m.

Upcoming FCSS Events and Programs

Beyond - For Grades 9 to 12, this 8-week session will focus on teaching practical skills to youth to help them navigate various areas of adulthood. Sponsored by Alliance Pipeline, this program is free to attend, and registration is required.

Grandparents Day Celebration - Using the Community Bus, seniors and their family members will enjoy an excursion to the Namao Museum on September 12 from 1 to 3:30 p.m., where the Mainstreet Cruisers classic car show will be set up.

FCSS Support Partners Lunch & Learn - Morinville and Sturgeon FCSS, Morinville Enforcement, Sturgeon Victim Services and the Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation are collaborating to share information with agencies, organizations and businesses engaged in assisting vulnerable individuals about services provided and how to access them. This is planned for September 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

In Case You Missed It

The summer is a busy time when events and programming provide many opportunities for community connection. The following recaps some highlights:

Rock the Rails - Approximately 175 youth and families came to the Bob Foster Skate Park for the annual Rock the Rails event. The event was presented by Linda Getzlaf RE/MAX Real Estate. Youth enjoyed professional demos, spray painting the park, and prizes.

Canada Day - Approximately 650 community members came together to at the MCCC for the annual Canada Day event. The event was presented by Ashley More - Century 21 Masters. The event featured cookies from Council, live music, inflatables, photo booth, crafts and activities.

Summer Day Camps - This summer, 203 children aged 6 to 12 participated in the day camps, with 14 Leaders in Training volunteering throughout the seven themed week-long sessions. The objective of the camps is to enhance community connections, provide mentorship, build skills and resilience, and develop leadership qualities in the Leaders in Training. The camps were met with positive feedback from both parents and participants.

Summer Travelling Adventures - Local children dropped in on Tuesdays and Thursdays this summer to enjoy weekly themed crafts, games and activities in four local Morinville parks. The program was free and well-attended.