

# PROCLAMATION

## Fraud Prevention Month

Month of March 2024

- WHEREAS: Fraud Prevention Month is an annual campaign that seeks to help you recognize, reject, and report fraud; and
- WHEREAS: This year's theme, "*20 years of fighting fraud: From then to now*" will help Canadians recognize how fraud has evolved over the years, from telemarketing and mail to social media and Artificial Intelligence; and
- WHEREAS: The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre estimates that less than 5% of fraud victims report their experiences to law enforcement agencies in Canada. By reporting a scam, you can help law enforcement catch fraudsters and identify emerging trends so they can warn the public, which can help prevent others from becoming victims; and
- WHEREAS: The number of fraud schemes created by scammers hoping to part you from your money is endless. Scammers target everyone. It doesn't matter how old you are, how much education you have, your income level, or any other aspect of your personal background. Fraudsters are very good at manipulating people by using tactics that take advantage of normal human tendencies and feelings; and
- WHEREAS: We encourage residents and businesses alike to educate themselves on fraud and prevention, and how to recognize, reject, and report scams.
- THEREFORE: I, Mayor Simon Boersma, do hereby declare the month of March 2024, as Fraud Prevention Month, in the Town of Morinville.



Mayor Simon Boersma

