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Reading, walking and learning

Nataliya, 5, and Max, 2, Semenek took part in the first storybook walk and loved it, said their dad, Randy. See full story on pg. 3

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IERHA hosts virtual AGM

By Evan Matthews

Now in month eight of the global pandemic, with so much of the world having shifted operations online, the IERHA is not immune.

The IERHA hosted its first virtual annual general meeting on Oct. 5, which saw 80 participants connect by phone or online. Much of the meeting was a summary of fiscal activities over the past year, according to an IERHA spokesperson.

"It is always a pleasure to share about the initiatives in our region, to step back and really see the positive impact on people and their families, thanks to the efforts of staff, volunteers and partners," said Glen West, the IERHA's board chair.

"With the onset of the coronavirus pandemic in March, delivery of some health-care services have changed.

"But what has not changed is the goal of providing fully comprehensive, integrated and accessible health care services for all residents in the Interlake-Eastern region," he said.

With the meeting's new format, participants were able to submit questions to speakers that could be answered in real time. However, the IERHA acknowledged some participants had troubles logging in, and West apologized on behalf of the re-

gion for difficulties anyone had.

The IERHA stated that retaining a virtual presence would be worth exploring for future meetings.

Meeting points

West outlined continued efforts and initiatives under Interlake-Eastern RHA's points of strategic focus in the areas of health system sustainability, improved access to care, person-focused care, decreasing preventable harm, improved access to mental health resources, and partnerships with Indigenous communities.

For outgoing Interlake-Eastern RHA CEO Ron Van Denakker, who retires on Oct. 15, the care of Indigenous communities has been of particular importance, according to the IERHA.

Attendees at last year's AGM listened to people sharing first-hand accounts of their experiences with the health system, including Gwen Traverse, health director of Pinaymootang First Nation.

"Gwen takes advantage of the question-and-answer period every year to hold me and the RHA accountable for our care of Indigenous people," said Van Denakker.

"It was troubling to me as CEO to hear those stories and I thank those who had the courage to stand before



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Second vice-chair of the board Ruth Ann Furgala (left) with chair of the board Glen West at the 2020 IERHA annual general meeting.

strangers and share very personal stories about their health care.

"I promised then that we'd do better. I know while there is still a ways to go, together we have made progress in helping all residents access the care they deserve, closer to home," he said.

Traverse and the leadership of her First Nations community marked their thanks for Van Denakker's efforts by bestowing a parting gift of commissioned artwork to him, acknowledging his work over more than nine years as CEO.

The annual Chair's Awards for Excellence in Customer Service was awarded to staff who consistently

went above and beyond in their interactions with patients and other staff. Eleven staff members were nominated this year and four of these stood out to the chair:

- Pharmacist Brad Clyde was honoured for stepping up to problem-solve to ensure that patients receive the care they need, with humour and a great attitude.

- Robin Malcolm, an HR assistant, won for her efficiency, positive manner and mentorship on her team.

- Pamela Robertson, an administrative assistant with the RHA's

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Storybook walks in Arborg have kids on the reading trail

By Patricia Barrett

With COVID-19 preventing kids from taking part in indoor recreational and learning activities, one resourceful children's program co-ordinator from Arborg launched a storybook walk last week that's put kids on the literacy trail.

Penny Helgason, who co-ordinates programs for the North Interlake Parent Child Coalition, adapted the storybook walk for Arborg after taking part in a walk in Petersfield that was organized by Selkirk's Gaynor Family Library.

She selected six books that will be posted outdoors for a week at a time to get kids active and help build their literacy skills. The walks meet COVID's social distancing restrictions by allowing families to complete a walk on their own.

"I really liked the idea because I could put stories up for five days at a time and it's open to people at their convenience," said Helgason, who was offering the Music & Munchkins program under the coalition but had to cancel it because of COVID.

The storybook walks are geared to the coalition's target audience of infants to six-year-old children and their parents or caregivers.

"This program reaches that audience and a wider audience because we've had people in their 70s going on the walk," said Helgason. "A nice part of this is the inter-generational component of stories. Some of the stories might bring back nostalgia and that's why I think it appeals to parents and grandparents. And it also touches on parenting where you can share a common experience or a common memory with your kids."

There are priority areas the coalition wants each of its programs to touch on, including parenting skills, nutrition, physical health, learning and literacy, and building community capacity, said Helgason, and the storybook walks tap into most of those areas.

Helgason bought two of each featured book rather than photocopy pages and break copyright laws. Then she rather "sacrilegiously" cut out the pages. She laminated each page and stuck facing pages to poster board, creating a story "installment" for a series of pit stops along the walk. She tied the pages to trees, posts, public seating and whatever else that would suffice.

"At first I tried to pound posts into the ground and I just wasn't successful. Then I was tying them to trees," said Helgason. "My husband has temporary fence posts that go easily into the ground and he let me use them."

Where possible Helgason matched themes or elements in each book to a particular location in Arborg. For example, the first storybook walk featured the 19th-century Norwegian fairy tale *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, which is about three goats trying to cross a bridge guarded by a fearsome troll. Helgason staged it along the Icelandic River trail, incorporating the town's walking bridge.

"It worked out well because there's a bridge across the river between the RCMP detachment and the hospital where the walk ended and that inspired some imaginative play in children," said Helgason.

The second storybook walk featured *The Thankful Book* for the Thanksgiving-themed walk. The book celebrates

all things to be grateful for and incorporated the wheelchair-accessible swing in Arborg's newest park near the recreation centre.

Books for remaining walks include *The Map of Good Memories*, which Helgason will post up at the Arborg Multicultural Heritage Village that preserves memories of pioneer life; the classic *The Little Engine That Could*, which will incor-

porate the Arborg Library — a former train station — and one of the hills near town; and *Something From Nothing*, which will also be staged at the Heritage Village.

"It's not only fun to do the walks, but it ties into other levels of learning. Some children don't like to sit still and enjoy a book so by going on a walk and going out in nature, it allows them an opportunity to enjoy a book," said Helgason. "They can just look at the pictures if they want and make up their own story. It's a parenting thing to instill a love of books and literacy in their kids and keep it fun — because if it's fun, it will be done!"

If the weather co-operates, Helgason's sixth and final storybook walk will feature *Whoever You Are* to coincide with Remembrance Day.

The storybook walk was funded by a grant the coalition obtained from the province and with support from the Arborg-Bifrost Parks and Recreation Commission. The Town of Arborg also allowed Helgason to use public infra-



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The first Storybook walk was *Three Billy Goats Gruff* and was staged along the Icelandic River trail, incorporating the town's walking bridge into the story.

structure to stage the walks.

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Lakeshore SD critiques throne speech

By Evan Matthews

Lakeshore School Division is remaining skeptical and cautious with the provincial government, despite placing emphasis on investing in education and lowering taxes in its throne speech.

On Wednesday Oct. 7, the provincial Conservative government and Premier Brian Pallister had the reading of the speech from the throne by Lt.-Gov. Janice C. Filmon pledging an additional \$1.6 billion to education and childcare.

Jim Cooper, chairperson for the Lakeshore School Division's of board trustees, said he's taking more of a "believe it when I see it," sort of approach to the 2020 throne speech.

"We haven't seen added funding for schools in quite some time," said Cooper.

"In fact, in Lakeshore, our funding has decreased dramatically over the last few years," he said, adding the total funding from the province has de-

creased two per cent annually dating back to 2016.

In addition, Cooper said costs associated with wages, hydro, supplies, etc., increase by about two per cent each year.

Factoring in decreased provincial funding and increased divisional expenditures, he said taking a cautioned approach to the provincial promise seems reasonable.

Not to be overlooked in the speech, the province is doing away with one of the education system's revenue streams: education property tax.

How exactly the province will compensate for the education property tax is not outlined in the throne speech, but the speech does say it will begin its phased elimination starting next year.

"(When) they eliminate that tax, they're going to have to get the money from somewhere else, and it's likely coming from ratepayers either way," said Cooper.

"Does anyone object to them switching the format? Absolutely not. But in terms of provincial (financial) support, we want to make sure our rural kids are getting the same as the city kids," he said, adding most rural divisions are seeing a shortfall in funds.

Don Nikkel, Lakeshore School Division's superintendent of HR and alternative program director, echoed Cooper's cautioned approach.

While the division is thankful for everything it gets, Nikkel said he'd like to see more details.

"We just don't know how it's going to translate yet," said Nikkel.

"It's unclear how they're going to make up for the education property tax, but to keep things the same for school divisions ... it might mean going to the provincial coffers."

Other educational notes

The provincial throne speech goes on to say student safety is top priority amidst the pandemic.



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Lakeshore School Division board of trustees chairperson Jim Cooper.

Despite the pandemic, though, the speech states education must continue, and parents need to be given a chance to be more involved in their child's education. Cooper said parents can always be more involved.

"It's rare parents can be involved as much as they probably could and should be," said Cooper. "It would always be nice to see a bit more."

Government to invest \$7 million for creation, maintenance and enhancement of Manitoba trails

Provide Manitobans with more opportunities to enjoy our beautiful province

Submitted by Manitoba government

In partnership with Trails Manitoba, the Manitoba government is investing \$7 million to support the creation, maintenance and enhancement of active transportation trails across the province and within the city of Winnipeg, Premier Brian Pallister and Municipal Relations Minister Rochelle Squires announced last week.

"Get outside and explore Manitoba — there is no better place to be and no better time to explore our beautiful province," said Pallister. "Our government is proud to partner with Trails

Manitoba and The Winnipeg Foundation to ensure our trails and pathways are more safe and accessible for all users, for many generations to come."

There are more than 1,700 kilometres of active transportation trails throughout the province. The Manitoba government has created three funds that will be managed by Trails Manitoba and held in trust by The Winnipeg Foundation.

"This investment by the province will allow us to leverage support for many trail projects throughout Manitoba," said Erik Dickson, president of Trails Manitoba.

"It provides the financial stability to ensure our organization is sustainable and able to continue supporting the construction and maintenance of recreational trails while improving our province's trail offerings and ensuring their long-term viability for future generations to enjoy."

The \$1-million Trails Manitoba Operating Endowment Fund will serve as ongoing operating funding for Trails Manitoba. The \$4-million Manitoba Trails Improvement Endowment Fund will support annual application based grants to create new trails or improve existing ones. The third fund, a \$2-million Manitoba Trails Strategic Fund, is designed to support capital projects that advance recreational trail development in Winnipeg and will be

distributed as matching grants.

"We know that Manitobans took advantage of our trail system in record numbers this year and we want to ensure we continue to support this type of outdoor recreation opportunity," said Squires. "Whether it's commuting to and from work or escaping the city for a country hike or ride, today's announcement ensures there will be more trails for all Manitobans to use and enjoy well into the future."

Eligible projects will be those that provide new trail opportunities, either be creating a new trail or extending an existing one; improve the quality of the trail network; or provide maintenance or trail beautification. Trails Manitoba will have more information on eligibility and project criteria in the coming weeks.

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Conservation group encourages people to leave their leaves on the ground

Submitted by Nature Conservancy of Canada

The changing colour of leaves is one of the most beautiful aspects of the fall season, but it comes with an onerous task: raking them up once they've fallen. The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), however, has some green advice for people wishing to avoid back-breaking yard work: leave the rake in the shed and the leaves on the ground. And if someone accuses you of being lazy, you can say you are helping the environment and being a conservationist!

The not-for-profit land conservation organization says leaving fallen leaves in your yard is a small act of nature conservation that can support backyard biodiversity in many ways. While some butterflies travel to warmer destinations, many native insects — including pollinators and other backyard wildlife — hibernate

over the winter and can use a little neighbourly help.

Dan Kraus, NCC's senior conservation biologist, says leaves can provide important habitat for many species.

"Backyard animals, such as toads, frogs and many pollinators, once lived in forests and have adapted to hibernate under leaves," says Kraus. "The leaves provide an insulating blanket that can help protect these animals from the cold and temperature fluctuations during the winter."

Another benefit of not raking your leaves is soil improvement. Kraus points out that as leaves break down, they provide a natural mulch, which helps enrich the soil. Thick piles of leaves can impact the growth of grass and other plants come spring, but leaving a light covering can improve the health of our gardens and lawns.

As the leaves break down, some of their carbon also gets stored in the

soil. "While it's great for cities to provide collection programs to compost leaves, the most energy-efficient solution is to allow nature to do its thing and for the leaves to naturally break down in your yard," says Kraus.

And it's not just leaves that are important for backyard wildlife during the winter.

"Plant stalks and dead branches also provide habitat for many species of insects. By cleaning up our yards and gardens entirely, we may be removing important wintering habitats for native wildlife in our communities," says Kraus. "Migratory and resident birds can also benefit from your garden during the winter. Fruits and seeds left on flowers and shrubs are a crucial food source that sustains many songbirds during the winter, including goldfinches, jays and chickadees. Providing winter habitats for our native birds and insects is just as im-

portant as providing food and shelter during the spring and summer."

With about 80 per cent of Canadians now living in towns and cities, backyard biodiversity is becoming increasingly important. "One of the biggest opportunities to improve the health of nature in urban areas is through the collective action we can all take in our yards," says Kraus.

Encouraging and learning about nature around our homes can also help build a connection to our natural world.

"There is growing evidence that having a relationship with nature is critical for our health and well-being," says Rebekah Neufeld, acting science manager for the Manitoba region.

"As Canadians, we have some of the planet's last areas of wilderness, but for many of us and our children, finding that connection to nature starts at home."

Multiple night-light hunting seizures made in the Interlake region

Submitted by Manitoba government

Manitoba Conservation and Climate advises that during an early-morning patrol in the Interlake region on Sept. 18, conservation officers intercepted a vehicle after seeing a spotlight shine across fields on private land in the Harwill/Poplar Lakes area north of Hodgson.

Two males and one female have

been issued appearance notices for hunting at night with lights. A number of items were seized, including a 2009 Ford F150 truck, two rifles and ammunition, a 12-volt spotlight and other hunting equipment.

The next day, Sept. 19, conservation officers in the Interlake region noticed a vehicle shining a light onto a field on private land west of Broad Valley,

south of Fisher Branch. Following the sound of a gunshot, a number of units closed in on the location and found individuals loading an animal into the back of a pickup truck.

The vehicle tried to get away but was ultimately surrounded and stopped. Six individuals were taken into custody and were issued appearance notices for hunting at night with lights.

Other charges are pending. Officers seized a 2017 Dodge 1500 truck, two rifles and ammunition, a spotlight and other hunting equipment, as well as a freshly killed white-tailed deer.

Anyone with information about illegal hunting activities is asked to call their local Manitoba Conservation and Climate office or the Turn In Poachers (TIP) line at 1-800-782-0076.

Arborg businesses question reason for evacuation

By Evan Matthews

With a whole lot of chaos and not many answers, Arborg business owners called the *Express* after the town forced Main Street businesses to evacuate last month.

On Sept. 16, the Town of Arborg public works staff discovered a water leak on the southwest corner of Main Street and First Avenue.

Once the town acquired hydro, gas and telecommunications permits and

locates — locates are ground markings identifying the position of utility lines based on records or electronic locating equipment, and the associated necessary documentation such as a locate sheet — public works began excavating the area using a backhoe, according to the town.

During the excavation process, and due to the amount of water from the leak, a two-inch underground natural gas line was inadvertently severed,

according to Manitoba Hydro.

The town informed Manitoba Hydro, and town administration said Hydro staff arrived on-scene quickly.

Because of wind direction and the strong odor of natural gas, which Manitoba Hydro attributed to an additive that makes the gas smell like rotten eggs, Manitoba Hydro said it requested the Arborg Hotel be temporarily evacuated.

Manitoba Hydro crews from area

districts arrived to turn off the gas and begin repairs.


Repairs involved excavating the damaged line and replacing about two metres of new piping, a Manitoba Hydro spokesperson said, and gas was turned on approximately 4:30 p.m. with service restored to affected properties.

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Province must streamline COVID procedures

By Evan Matthews

My household, as many other households, has come down with COVID-like symptoms.

One of my roommates, due to his employer's internal policy, was required to call Health Links to see what the most reasonable course of action was.

Health Links advised the entire household to be tested for COVID-19.

Off we go to the Main Street drive-thru location in Winnipeg.

Arriving at the 8 a.m. opening time, we waited in the vehicle until 1 p.m. to be tested.

For those who don't know, the test isn't pleasant, but it isn't to be feared. While the probe of one's nasal cavity is uncomfortable, it lasts only 10 seconds.

Life has far worse moments than 10 seconds of discomfort, so don't worry.

Once you've been tested, you're advised to create a Shared Health log-in for the website, where you can check for your results around the clock.

The website states, "If you do not see your test results after a period of more than four days, please contact the Public Health COVID-19 Contact Centre between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. seven days a week."

Of course, due to an over-inundated health-care system, this is the case for many people at this point.

So, four days after the original test — quickly reminding everyone it takes a

total of at least five hours — you call the Public Health COVID-19 Contact Centre's 1-844 number.

As I can personally attest, you will wait on hold for over three hours — in my case closer to four — bringing your total time spent finding out whether or not you have the virus to at least eight hours.

Ten seconds for a test, not so bad. But five hours in total to be tested? Four days with no results? Three more hours on the phone, spent on hold, advocating for yourself?

What if, in addition to the aforementioned description, your test is lost or contaminated? Are you then required to take another week off work while you wait again?

Employers are getting fed up, too, and people's livelihoods are now being affected. Again, all the while, CERB and other COVID related benefits get dialed back.

Keep in mind, you are subject to fines if you disregard the Public Health orders, but the system itself has begun to fail those potentially affected by the virus.

It used to take a couple of hours, but we've arrived at a point when it can take up entire day(s) for a large portion of people. The process has become unreasonable, and it's not working.

So, what is causing the problem within public health?

When COVID first took our society

by storm in March, the protocol in Manitoba was that you could not be tested unless you were given a referral by Health Links. After the numbers decreased to almost zero, public health removed the referral requirement.

Since then, numbers have spiked and we now sit at roughly 800 active cases in the province, yet for some reason, public health has not revisited its processes.

Odds would suggest the number of active cases will only continue to rise.

Public health needs to look at this objectively. The referral concept needs to be re-instated and, moreover, public health should be scheduling the tests, no longer allowing walk-ins.

The time commitment and absolute halting of one's life is as bad or worse than some of the virus's symptoms. People are going to begin disregarding public health orders if this is the reality, and many already have.

We all realize health-care professionals are doing their best, and this isn't on them.

However, the powers that be must realize they have implemented a flawed testing process — which is acting as a detriment to their own health-care professionals and staff — and it's time to review it.

As already stated, the numbers are only going to continue to climb, for now.

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physician services team, won for her personal and professional approach in staffing of the region's emergency departments with physicians.

• Kim Scharf, facility administration at Gimli Community Health

Centre, was recognized for the way she greets all visitors and patients with a friendly smile — helping people feel comfortable, often during difficult times.

The 2020 CEO Award for Commu-

nity Leadership went to the individuals representing communities from around the region who comprise the Primary Care Development Group.

A video recording of the AGM can be found on the IERHA website at www.is.gd/IERHA2020AGM.

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COVID numbers continue to rise in Manitoba

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Public health officials advise the 33rd and 34th deaths due to COVID-19 have been reported.

One is a previously announced case, a female in her 100s from Winnipeg linked to the Parkview Place outbreak. The other is male in his 40s from Winnipeg.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 3.3 per cent, and 77 new cases of the virus have been identified as of Monday bringing the total number of cases in Manitoba to 2,655.

As of Monday, Interlake-Eastern had five new cases bringing the active cases to 86 along with 138 recovered.

The current breakdown of active cases by district is as follows: Arborg/Riverton, 2; Beausejour, 2; Eriksdale/Ashern, 3; Fisher/Peguis, 19; Northern Remote, 41; Powerview/Pine Falls, 2; Selkirk, 1; Springfield, 3; St. Clements, 1; Winnipeg Beach/St. Andrews,

7; Stonewall/Teulon, 4; and the unknown district, 1.

Today's data shows:

- five cases in the Northern health region;
- two cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- nine cases in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region; and
- 56 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 1,131 active cases and 1,490 individuals have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 25 people in hospital and four people in intensive care; and
- the number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 34.

Laboratory testing numbers show 1,871 tests were completed yesterday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 210,902. Case investigations continue, and if a public health risk is identified,

the public will be notified.

Testing for COVID-19 is available today at community testing sites in Winnipeg, Brandon, Selkirk, Eriksdale, Powerview-Pine Falls, Winkler, Steinbach and Portage la Prairie. More information can be found at www.manitoba.ca/covid19/updates/testing.html.

The chief provincial public health officer strongly encourages Manitobans to reduce the number of close contacts outside their household and avoid closed-in or crowded spaces.

In addition, they should focus on these fundamentals to help stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash/sanitize your hands and cover your cough.
- Physically distance when you are with people outside your household.
- If you cannot physically distance, wear a mask to help reduce the risk to

others or as required by public health orders.

Unless recommended by public health officials, only individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should go for testing. Individuals with symptoms are asked to seek testing as soon as possible once symptoms are present. Employers are asked to only send employees for testing if they have symptoms or if testing has been recommended by public health officials.

The online assessment tool can be found at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> and COVID-19 symptoms can be found at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/about.html#collapse4.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, visit www.manitoba.ca/COVID19.

Beef producers engage in Crown lease modernization

By Evan Matthews

The Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) are set to host their virtual district meetings, and in the Interlake, the modernization of the Agricultural Crown Land (ACL) Program may dominate conversation.

MBP general manager Carson Callum said the organization has been monitoring the government's modernization of the ACL Program and will continue to advocate on behalf of producers.

"Usually, we'd be going out and touring the province's 14 districts, having in-person meetings and discussions. The decision to go virtual was made in the best interest of everyone ... in the current climate," said Callum, noting the Interlake, District 9, meeting will happen on Oct. 21 virtually.

Anyone interested in attending can visit <https://www.mbbeef.ca/district-meetings/> for more details.

"The government announced the full set of changes about a year ago, but shortly after, they announced they'd be making an amendment to incorporate a first right of renewal on legacy leases," he said.

"People who have had long-term

leases prior to the changes won't be affected as much."

The District 9 meeting will be led by director and MBP president Dianne Riding present, who runs a commercial cow-calf operation located in Lake Francis.

When the changes were originally announced without the first right of renewal, Callum said farmers with legacy leases became concerned. What was once a 50-year lease had been changed to 15-year leases without first right of renewal, he said.

The latest announcement should put legacy lease holders' concerns at ease, he said.

"It could have had negative implications," said Callum. "It could have gone to auction at the end of someone's term and, really, the hope of this change is to give farmers the ability to not lose legacy leases to auction."

Back in October 2019, the government also increased costs associated with agricultural Crown land leases by upwards of 300 per cent, with some Interlake farmers at the time adding it could be the final straw for their business.

This increased cost associated with

the ACL program will be a part of the discussion as well. According to Callum, the organization will continue to bring producers' concerns forward to the Province of Manitoba.

"Despite the positive amendments to the ACL program, there are other aspects that we would still like reviewed," said Callum.

Even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, MBP had asked for a five-year transition for the rental rate increase, he added.

"I'm sure we will be discussing those aspects during our virtual meetings," he said, adding MBP respectfully asks the provincial government give serious consideration to this request.

Background

At the end of September 2020, the Manitoba government announced it would be seeking feedback on the proposed renewal process for legacy forage leases and renewable permits on agricultural Crown lands.

"Agricultural Crown lands are well positioned to support the growth of the livestock industry in Manitoba and contribute to the department's Manitoba Protein Advantage Strat-

egy," said Agriculture and Resource Development Minister Blaine Pederesen at the time.

"As part of our mandate, we will continue to modernize the management of our Agricultural Crown Lands Leasing Program in a fair and transparent manner."

Legacy forage leases and renewable permits are those dispositions in place prior to Oct. 1, 2019, according to the government.

The proposed change, according to the government, will ensure family farms have stability in their operations by enabling successive renewals of these legacy forage leases and renewable permits.

The proposal is said to contribute to the modernization of the Agricultural Crown Lands Leasing Program and delivers on the commitment made to stakeholders in October 2019, the minister said.

Stakeholders are invited to review the regulatory amendment proposal available on the Manitoba Regulatory Consultation Portal at <https://reg.gov.mb.ca/home>.

Comments are encouraged to be submitted online prior to Nov. 16.

Westshore Community Foundation and donors support post-secondary students

By Patricia Barrett

The Westshore Community Foundation wasn't about to let COVID-19 get in the way of helping students cope with the expense of furthering their education.

The foundation awarded \$27,121 in scholarships during an awards ceremony held Oct. 2 on the patio of the Gimli Lakeview Resort. The funding will help 16 students pay for their post-secondary education.

Alyssa Gard, who was accepted into science at the University of Manitoba, received the Larry and Helen Kristjanson Family Scholarship.

Helen Kristjanson attended the socially distanced ceremony to present Gard with \$5,596. The family had established the fund in 2011 to assist students from Gimli High School in their pursuit of post-secondary education.

"It is quite an honour to receive this award. I was even able to meet Helen at the ceremony. I really enjoyed that," said Gard by email a few days after the ceremony. "This scholarship will help pay for tuition, books and living expenses. I am also hard of hearing and this will help to pay for services like a transcriptionist or note-taker that are provided through Student Accessibility at the University of Manitoba."

Gard had moved to Winnipeg, expecting to attend some courses in person. But with rising COVID-19 case numbers, the university's president announced in late September that courses would, for the most part, be delivered remotely.

"We had hoped that second term would be in person, but it was recently announced that it will also be online," said Gard, who has to cover her internet expenses. "My classes are all done through Zoom or Webex, including my labs."

After completing her science degree, Gard said she plans to enter the medical field, either medicine or nursing.

The Westshore Community Foundation and its scholarship donors support students in the foundation's catchment area along the west shore of Lake Winnipeg. It includes communities such as Matlock, Winnipeg



Westshore held a socially distanced award ceremony outdoors at the Lakeview hotel.

Beach, Gimli, Fraserwood, Arnes and Riverton.

Students who apply for a scholarship are required to write a letter stating their educational and future goals, volunteer work or community service work and what their financial expenses will be if they have to live away from home to attend school or are required to travel.

Westshore's scholarship committee, which is made up of chair Ruby Tretiak, Rosanna Cuthbert, Connie Magnusson-Schimnowski and Barb Stefanson, oversees applications and awards.

"Winning a scholarship is a happy and proud moment for not just the winners but for family and friends as well. We hope these scholarships open the gateways to your bright futures," said Tretiak during the ceremony.

"You have scored high and are all set to achieve your goals. Congratulations for your hard work — a stepping stone towards achieving your dreams. Dream big and continue to work hard."

In addition to Gard, the winners of scholarships were as follows:

- Bailey Groot was awarded the Dr. Elaine Sigurdson Memorial Scholarship worth \$1,075. Alma, Barrie and Ardith Sigurdson were on hand to



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Westshore Community Foundation's 2020 award recipients are (in no particular order) Bailey Groot, Emily Pemkowski, Alyssa Gard (back row, third from left), Maggie Michaluk, Kennedy Kowalski, Jasmine Henry, Samantha Porteous, Lauren MacVicar, Kyra Sigurdson, Brina Erenberg, Owen Roberts, Brooklyn Toderan, Sarah Dickson and Darren Sewell. Missing from the photo are Sinead Gibbs and Christopher Winko.



Westshore Community Foundation board members.

present Groot with the award, which the family established in 2018 to assist students pursuing medical education.

- Carol Ann Clark Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Emily Pemkowski (\$1,787) and Jasmine Henry (\$1,000).

- Samantha Porteous, Lauren MacVicar and Sinead Gibbs each received an Allison Olson Memorial Scholarship worth \$1,571.

- Maggie Michaluk, Kennedy Kowalski, Christopher Winko and Kyra Sigurdson each received a Westshore

High School Scholarship worth \$500.

- Westshore scholarships to assist second year and higher students, as well as mature students, were awarded to Brina Erenberg, Owen Roberts and Brooklyn Toderan (\$2,650 each) and to Sarah Dickson and Darren Sewell (\$1,500 each).

The Tim and Delpine Arnason Scholarship and the Lilja Martin Memorial Scholarship were not awarded this year.

Manitoba Public Insurance releases first quarter financial results

Submitted by MPI

Manitoba Public Insurance reported a net income of \$110.1 million for the first three months of its fiscal year, ending June 30, 2020.

The net income after surplus distribution was nil, compared to \$94.7

million for the same period last year. The surplus distribution of capital of \$110.1 was intended as financial relief to policy holders during COVID-19.

Total earned revenues for the first three months rose by \$8.5 million from the same period last year. This

increase was driven mainly by an increase in the number of motor vehicles insured and the value of those vehicles.

Recently, MPI applied to the Public Utilities Board (PUB) for a provisional 10.5 per cent overall decrease in basic

insurance premiums for the 2021-22 insurance year. Approximately 98.9 per cent of vehicles will experience either no change or a reduction in rates from the previous year.

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FFMC puts contingency plan in place in wake of COVID cases at its processing plant

By Patricia Barrett

The federally operated Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation's Transcona headquarters and processing plant saw a contingency plan put in place last week to try to keep production going for the current fall commercial fishing season after COVID-19 impacted staff.

According to a memo issued to fishers and FFMC agents (e.g., fish shed operators) that the Express obtained, the corporation states there were a "number" of staff at the plant impacted by the virus.

"FFMC is implementing a production contingency plan as a precautionary measure due to COVID-19. We have a number of plant staff who are impacted by this situation, which is affecting our processing capacity," reads the Oct. 6 memo from FFMC's vice-president of field operations Dave Burgunder.

Burgunder goes on to say the corporation wants to "control the situation" to complete the fall fishery, which closes at the end of October.

To that end, the corporation will stop buying round whitefish and round tullibee "immediately" and will begin shipping fish to "third party processors" in cardboard totes for freezing.

The measures are expected to last from Oct. 6 to 13, but the corporation is "re-evaluating" the matter each day, states the memo.

The self-sustaining Crown corporation purchases millions of kilograms fish from a majority of Manitoba's commercial fishers, as well as from fishers in Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

The federal department of Fisheries and Oceans, which oversees FFMC, would not say how many cases had been identified at the plant and declined to comment about the impact on the plant's operations and food safety. It referred the Express to the plant.

A spokesperson at the plant declined to comment on the record about the situation and said FFMC's human resources department would provide a statement to the paper. There was no



Fishers received a memo stating that a number of staff had been affected by COVID-19.

comment by press time.

Whether the virus will disrupt fish and roe deliveries and cause another backlog of frozen fish is unknown at this point, but it surely adds to the corporation's ongoing challenges.

In April FFMC released a public statement saying restaurant and hospitality markets had been hit hard by COVID, and that subsequently reduced the demand for fish. At that time, the corporation planned to purchase limited quantities of some species.

Frozen fish that the corporation couldn't sell over the summer because of continuing market disruptions threatened to bring the fall commercial fishing season to a halt. But after the Manitoba Liberal party stepped in to hold talks with the federal government, FFMC's frozen fish backlog became part of the federal government's Surplus Food Rescue Program. That cleared out the corporation's freezers for stock from the fall fishing season.

Manitoba is struggling to meet the demand for COVID testing and to provide the results of those tests in a timely fashion. Last Friday, 84 new cases were identified. A record-breaking 97 were identified on Saturday and 54 on Sunday. Deaths have been spiking over the past few weeks, with 32

people now having died from the disease.

As of Sunday, there were 1,063 active cases of COVID with 24 people hospitalized.

The Manitoba government's daily COVID bulletins made no mention of COVID having impacted FFMC's plant. A spokesperson for provincial public health said there was no reason to alert Manitobans about the situation as it deems exposure to the virus low.

"The province would only name a company if there was a reason to alert the public," said the spokesperson last Friday. "If we haven't named a business, then the risk of public exposure would be considered low."

When asked to confirm the number of cases at the plant, the spokesperson said "we would not comment on the number of cases at a business unless there was a need to notify the public."



EXPRESS FILE PHOTO BY PATRICIA BARRETT
An employee on the filleting line in 2018 wears eyewear, a hairnet, protective overalls and gloves.

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Shenanigan's in Winnipeg Beach shares the love at Thanksgiving

By Patricia Barrett

The owners of a popular eatery in Winnipeg Beach spread a little love on Thanksgiving last Sunday by donating free turkey dinners to people in need in the community and general area.

Shenanigan's on the Beach co-owners Shannon King and Misty McDonald have made it a tradition to help out those less fortunate in the community, especially on major holidays to ensure no one is left behind.

They gave away approximately 20 free turkey dinners so that everyone in the community could have a Thanksgiving celebration.

"Usually, on every holiday, we try to give back to the community because we're a big believer in supporting the community that supports you," said King. "So this year we bought extra food for turkey dinners and thought maybe we could donate them to not just people from Winnipeg Beach but people in the Interlake if they needed a dinner."

Some of Shenanigan's staff also donated their Thanksgiving dinner to the community, she said.

Given the spread of COVID-19 and provincial public health orders to socially distance, including over the Thanksgiving weekend, some people may be feeling especially vulnerable or cut off from family and friends, said King. Knowing that others are thinking about them may take the edge off the pandemic.

The meals were pre-cooked and packaged in containers so that the recipients could take the meal home and have a Thanksgiving celebration when they wanted.

King said she posted an alert on the restaurant's Facebook page to let the community know that she and McDonald were looking for ideas about who could benefit from a cooked meal.

"Our regular customers or people in the community will get a hold of us and say, 'I know somebody who could use a meal,'" said King. "It's either someone who doesn't have a family or can't get together with their family because of COVID. We make arrangements with them to come pick it up or we'll drop it off."

King and McDonald went full out for the Thanksgiving meal. It included roasted turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, meatballs, perogies and vegetables. The restaurant also offered Thanksgiving suppers to patrons with limited, socially distanced indoor seating, as well as take-out orders.

At Christmas King and McDonald select a few Beach families and provide them with food hampers.

"Last year we had a gentleman donate wood sculptures and we auctioned them off," said King.

"That money went towards two hampers for families and gifts if there were kids."

Shenanigan's offers hearty breakfasts, lunches and suppers, including burgers, pizza



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHANNON KING AND MISTY MCDONALD
Shenanigan's co-owners Misty McDonald and Shannon King donated approximately 20 cooked turkey dinners to people in need on Thanksgiving Day last Sunday.

and salads. The restaurant is located on Main Street across from the bandstand and Winnipeg Beach board-

walk. For more information, visit the restaurant on Facebook or call 204-389-2223.

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Factoring out impacts of changing interest rates on outstanding claims reserves, claims incurred dropped approximately 21 per cent year over year largely due to lower frequency of auto collisions in the quarter.

"While the first quarter results are favourable, net income remains subject to change throughout the year based on weather-related factors that drive claims costs, and variations in investment results affected by the financial markets," said Mark Giesbrecht, vice-president, finance and chief financial officer for Manitoba Public Insurance.

"Historically, the first two quarters of the corporation's

fiscal year generate a profit, which is then offset by an increase in claims during the winter months."

MPI remains committed to delivering on its mandate to provide exceptional coverage and service at rates that are affordable, predictable and stable over the long-term, explained Giesbrecht.

"MPI entered the pandemic on a strong financial footing, which allowed for the \$110.1-million surplus to be distributed to Manitobans when they needed it most. We are proud to now have followed this up with a subsequent rate decrease request to the PUB," he said. "Prudent claims management practices, including an increased focus on detecting fraudulent claims, along with management actions to maximize operational efficiencies, will ensure we continue delivering on our promise to provide value to all Manitobans."

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Making organ transplants available to more people

East St. Paul firefighter wants to see change in Manitoba's transplant system

By Katelyn Boulanger

Kyle Schmidt, an East St. Paul firefighter who recently was told that he needed a kidney transplant, is advocating for a change in the way transplants are managed in the Province of Manitoba.

Currently, people who would like to be organ donors need to opt in by submitting their information to the province, but Schmidt would like to see that changed so that instead of opting in, residents would opt out if they didn't want their organs donated after they have passed away.

"I'm 37 years old. I'm a new parent with a nine-month old baby. I was diagnosed with end-stage renal disease in August of this year. We always assumed that a transplant was coming, but it kind of came faster than we anticipated. At that time, we were looking for a list of potential donors," said Schmidt.

Upon creating a group called Kidney on Fire on Facebook, which let people know about his own need, Schmidt had an outpouring of support and potential donors who called to be tested to see if they were a match.

His journey, however, caused Schmidt to realize how many people need organ transplants who haven't had the same experience finding an organ donor as he has.

Schmidt and his list of potential donors are currently being tested and he is hoping to make it to transplant without having to go on dialysis.

"Manitoba has the longest transplant wait times in Canada, partly because we have a lot of people on dialysis per capita. Manitoba has over 1,800 people on dialysis. Only about 400 people are eligible for transplant," said Schmidt.

On behalf of those 400 people in need of kidney transplants and many more in need of other organs that would benefit from an improved transplant system, Schmidt wrote to MLAs to advocate for a system in which more people could be considered as donors.

He sat down with Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler and Health Minister Cameron Friesen. The feedback that he got from them was that to enact a change like that, they would need more people to sign up to be organ donors in the current system to show that there is interest in changing the way organ donations are done in this province.

Recently, the Province of Nova Scotia became the first area in North America to vote in a similar change, having residents request to not be organ donors and instead of having to ask to donate. This change will be enacted in January 2021.

The Manitoba system used to allow people to sign up alongside obtaining their driver's licence but has since changed to an online signup.

Selkirk resident Cathy Krawchuk recently gave her kidney to Judy Scott. The two met through their daughters' speed skating. Krawchuk believes that an opt-out system is the way to go in Manitoba.

"That one person who's waiting for a liver transplant, a kidney transplant, whatever it may be, they have family. It's not just them who are waiting for it; it's also their family that are waiting for it — children, grandchildren, cousins, husbands, wives, friends, co-workers, whatever it may be. All of these people are waiting with them for these transplants, and why wouldn't you want to help them if you pass away? Why wouldn't you want to pay it forward?" said Krawchuk.

As it's been 10 months since her donation, Krawchuk has had time to recover and still feels that it was the right decision to donate her kidney. She also says that she would do it again if someone needed a piece of her liver.

"Sometimes the organs aren't usable, but sometimes we can affect a life," said Schmidt.

To sign up for organ donation in Manitoba, visit signupforlife.ca and register.



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Kyle Schmidt and his Kidney on Fire team recently raised \$2,000 at a fundraiser for the kidney foundation Of Canada on Sept. 27 in Birds Hill Park.

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Incredible creatures: Mormon crickets – don't let the name fool you

By John Gavloski

This year, there has been no shortage of grasshoppers and crickets to be seen.

But every now and then, you get a chance to see one of the rarer species. Such was the case in early September when someone brought a relatively large, wingless grasshopper in to be identified. It was a Mormon cricket. Although large and somewhat intimidating looking, they are harmless and not a crop pest in Manitoba. In this month's Incredible Creatures, we will explore the interesting biology, habits and culinary uses of the Mormon cricket.

Not really a cricket

Mormon crickets (*Anabrus simplex*) are relatively large insects and can get to about three to five centimetres long. The name Mormon cricket refers to an invasion of agricultural lands farmed by Mormon settlers in the Great Salt Lake Basin in the 19th century. Despite its name, it is actually not a cricket. It belongs to a group known as the shield-backed katydids. Mormon crickets are one of only a few species of shield-backed katydids that are ground-dwelling. A few things stand out about the appearance of Mormon crickets. There is the "shield" behind the head, which is called a prothorax. Females have a long tube-like appendage extending from the abdomen, called an ovipositor, that is used to lay eggs. The Mormon cricket in the photo is a female. The ovipositor should not be mistaken for a stinger. Both sexes have long antennae. They do not have functional wings and are flightless.

Moving with the swarm

The Mormon cricket occurs at relatively low density throughout most of its range. They are a relatively rare sighting in Manitoba. At certain times and places, however, such as parts of the western United States, population explosions can occur. High population densities may cause morphological changes in Mormon crickets, similar to what happens in locusts. Large numbers of the crickets can form roving bands. These bands may include millions of individuals and may have densities of up to 100 individuals per square metre. Infestations may last years and have a gradual increase and then decrease in population. Factors that trigger these infestations are not well understood, but are thought to be weather-related. In the northern Great Plains states and Canadian prairies, individuals are on average smaller, are usually non-migratory, and are generally a lighter colour than in areas where swarming is more common, such as Utah, Idaho, Nevada and some other western U.S. states.

Aside from eating plant material, Mormon crickets will also eat other insects and can be cannibalistic. This potential for cannibalism may be a factor in the movement of swarms; crickets may need to move constantly forward to avoid attacks from behind.

Mormon crickets as food

Historically, Mormon crickets were used in some traditional Native American diets. The crickets were captured in large quantities using various methods, such as driving them into trenches or ditches, or scooping up the crickets by the bushel when they



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Mormon Cricket.

were clustered under vegetation and too cool to be active. Once captured, they were roasted and ground into a flour. The flour would last a long time if kept dry. One use was to make a bread that was very dark in colour.

We are fortunate not to have to worry about Mormon crickets as a crop pest in Manitoba, and finding one can be considered a treat. And they are another example of where a potential pest can also be a valuable resource.

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U17 Lightning expect to be 'deeper' this season

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning U17 boys' hockey roster is starting to take shape.

With the U18 Lightning making their final cuts, U17 head coach Liam Wheddon is finding out what type of talent he will be able to work with this season.

Wheddon estimated "25 to 30 kids" came out to the U17 tryouts. That's up compared to last year, in part, due to no local high school hockey this year.

"In a way, that's good for Interlake hockey," Wheddon said last Thursday afternoon.

"Last year, I think I had eight or nine out-of-region players (and) this year I might have one or two."

The Lightning held another skate last Friday and then played an exhibition game against the Eastman Selects on Saturday.

Interlake was expected to finalize its roster after the exhibition game. Wheddon wasn't sure if they would have the opportunity to play another preseason game before the regular season begins.

"We just thought that as a coaching staff because (the players) have been in non-hitting tryouts and there's a lot of kids that haven't played this calibre of hockey before that they should get a skate in against other teams to see how they handle the hitting," Wheddon explained.

Wheddon feels the Lightning will be a "deeper team this year" but he noted that they only have about four or five returning players from last year's

team.

"It's going to be a younger team of mostly 04s and 05s with minimal 2003s," he noted.

"Obviously, we're going to be in tough with the city teams. They're always really deep but the rural teams like Eastman and Brandon, I can see us being competitive."

Last year, the Lightning struggled in the win column with a 1-34-1 regular-season record. Interlake's lone win came later in the season - a 2-0 shut-out victory over Brandon on Jan. 18 - and then the Lightning had several close games late in the season. Interlake and Brandon also played to a 5-5 tie back on Dec. 22.

"We were knocking on the door," said Wheddon, noting the Lightning

also won a game and tied another at a Thunder Bay tournament.

"The team definitely grew at the end of the year and became better systematically. I'm hoping there's going to be a little bit more competitiveness this year with them."

The team is obviously excited to get this season started despite not knowing for sure if they will even be able to finish their season.

"It's a different time, that's for sure," Wheddon said. "They're going to be a younger team so that's what this is for — to develop the 15- and 16-year-olds to get better so they can go to that U18 stage."

Ice Dawgs lose CRJHL regular-season opener

Staff

A third-period meltdown cost the Arborg Ice Dawgs on Friday evening.

Arborg allowed four unanswered goals in the final frame en route to a 5-2 home loss to the North Winnipeg Satellites in the Capital Region Junior Hockey's League's regular-season opener.

Arborg got off to a great start in the game as Aden Asham scored a first-period goal and then Kalen Guimond made it 2-0 just 33 seconds into the middle frame.

North Winnipeg began their comeback when Ethan Reid scored with 3:01 remaining in the second period.

Angel Gjorgievski tied the score early in the third and then Evan Harrison tallied the eventual game winner with 7:37 left in the game.

Kolden Schwenzer and Damian Bates then added late power-play goals.

Josh Anderson made 34 saves in the losing cause.

In an exhibition game back on Oct. 3, Arborg edged the Lundar Falcons 3-2. No scoring summary was on the league website.

Arborg is back in action Friday at 8 p.m. when it plays the Falcons in Lundar. On Saturday, the Ice Dawgs will host the Selkirk Fishermen. Puck drop is 7:30 p.m.

Smith becomes Peguis Juniors' new head coach

Staff

The Peguis Juniors have hired Jason Smith as their new head coach.

He will be joining assistant coaches Marty Favel and Michael Spence behind the bench this season.

Smith, a former OCN Blizzard head coach and a product of The Pas, took

over as head coach of the Blizzard in mid-November of 2014.

The 48 year old is a former member of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League's Dauphin Kings and the Western Hockey League's Swift Current Broncos, the Brandon Wheat Kings and Tri-City Americans in the

early 1990s.

He played professionally in the East Coast Hockey League from 1993-97 with the Erie Panthers, Roanoke Express and the Mobile Mysticks.

He also played in the COHL, WPHL, CHL and Netherland Hockey League.

Tryouts for the Peguis Juniors will

be held Oct. 24-25 at the Peguis Multiplex.

The 2020-21 Keystone Junior Hockey League regular season is slated to start Nov. 7.

U18 female Interlake Lightning lose to the Winnipeg Avros

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Lightning dropped a 5-1 decision to the Winnipeg Avros in Manitoba Female Hockey League U18 "AAA" action on Saturday afternoon at the Seven Oaks Arena.

Kenady Christensen scored Interlake's lone goal in the third period.

Winnipeg tallied twice in the second

period and added three more in the third.

Ella Friesen (two), Rachel Gottfried, Trinity Grove and Maeryn Rempel scored for the Avros.

Interlake will host the Winnipeg Ice on Saturday at 4:45 p.m. in Stonewall. The Lightning will then play the Eastman Selects on Sunday at noon in Ste.

Anne.

Meanwhile, the U18 Lightning boys' team swept the Eastman Selects in a pair of Manitoba AAA U18 "AAA" Hockey League exhibition games last week.

Last Wednesday, Interlake edged Eastman 5-4 and then the Lightning blanked the Selects 6-0 the following

evening to close out their preseason.

Interlake will begin its 2020-21 regular season this Saturday when it battles the Central Plains Capitals in Portage la Prairie. Puck drop is 6:30 p.m.

The Lightning will then host the Capitals in their home opener on Oct. 23 at 8 p.m. in Teulon.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WEST INTERLAKE REVISED WASTEWATER RATES ERIKSDALE WASTEWATER UTILITY

October 1, 2020

The Rural Municipality of West Interlake (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised wastewater rates for the Eriksdale Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 15-2020, read the first time on August 18, 2020. Rates were last approved in 2006 in Board Order No. 25/06.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates		
	By-Law No. 2-06	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Annual Service Charge	\$ 19.74	\$ 18.51	\$ 17.28	\$ 16.04
Wastewater (per REU)	\$ 62.70	\$ 97.84	\$ 132.98	\$ 168.13
Minimum Annual Charge*	\$ 82.44	\$ 116.35	\$ 150.26	\$ 184.17

*Based on 1 Residential Equivalency Unit (REU)

Details of the RM's application are available for review at the RM's office or the Board's office. Any questions concerning the application for revised rates, or the operation of the Utility, should be sent directly to the RM.

If you have concerns/comments regarding the RM's application for wastewater, rates please go to www.pubmanitoba.ca and provide your comment. *Please note all comments will be forwarded to the RM.*

Questions or comments should be sent on or before **October 31, 2020**.

The Board is the provincial regulatory agency that reviews and approves rates for water and wastewater utilities in Manitoba, with the exception of the City of Winnipeg. The Board's review process involves:

- the Utility filing a rate application to the Board,
- a public notification of proposed rate changes,
- the Board's review of the application through a public hearing or paper review process, and
- the issuance of an Order which outlines the Board's decision on the rate application and the rates to be charged.

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Note: All proceedings will be conducted in accordance with the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure, which the Board may vary in order to constrain regulatory costs. The Rules are available at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WEST INTERLAKE REVISED WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES ASHERN WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY

October 9, 2020

The Rural Municipality of West Interlake (RM) has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for revised water and wastewater rates for the Ashern Water and Wastewater Utility (Utility) as set out in By-Law No. 16-2020, read the first time on August 18, 2020. Rates were last approved in 2006 in Board Order No. 68/06. Interim rates were approved in April 2020 in Board Order No. 22/20.

The current and proposed rates are as follows:

	Interim Rates	Proposed Rates		
	By-Law No. 7-2019	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Quarterly Service Charge	\$ 4.91	\$ 14.67	\$ 19.55	\$ 24.43
Water (per cubic meter)	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.79	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.43
Wastewater (per cubic meter)	\$ 0.97	\$ 1.07	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.16
Minimum Quarterly Charge*	\$ 34.45	\$ 54.71	\$ 64.77	\$ 74.69
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Minimum Quarterly Charge Wastewater Only**	-	\$ 69.24	\$ 76.67	\$ 83.59
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*Based on 14 cubic meters

**Current rates are based on a flat rate. Proposed rates are based on 1 REU, where 1 REU shall be 51 cubic meters (per quarter).

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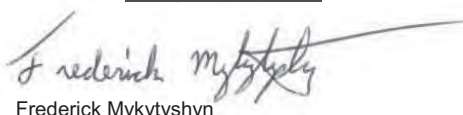
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Prep time: 45 minutes

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Servings: 10-12

Oatmeal Cookies:

1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature

1 cup Domino Dark Brown Sugar

1/2 cup Domino Golden Sugar

2 large eggs

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon coarse sea salt

3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

3 cups rolled old-fashioned oats

Vanilla Bean Creme Filling:

3/4 cup unsalted butter, room temperature

2 1/2 cups Domino Confectioners' Sugar

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1 tablespoon heavy cream

To make Oatmeal Cookies: Preheat oven to 350 F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In bowl of stand mixer fitted with paddle attachment or in large bowl with electric mixer, cream butter, brown sugar and golden sugar on medium-high speed until light and creamy, about 2 minutes. Add eggs and vanilla; mix until combined, scraping down sides of bowl as needed. Set aside.

In medium bowl, whisk flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, cloves and oats. With mixer on low, slowly add oat mixture to wet ingredients, mixing until just combined.

Using large cookie scoop, scoop dough onto prepared baking sheet, leaving about 2 1/2 inches between each cookie. Bake 12-14 minutes, or until lightly golden brown around edges. Allow cookies to sit on pan about 3 minutes before removing to wire rack to cool completely.

To make Vanilla Bean Creme Filling: In bowl of stand mixer fitted with paddle attachment or in large bowl with electric mixer, beat butter on medium-high speed until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes.

Turn speed to low and gradually add confectioners' sugar, mixing until completely incorporated. Add vanilla bean paste and heavy cream; mix until combined. Turn mixer to medium-high speed and beat 3-5 minutes until buttercream is fluffy. If necessary, add cream 1 teaspoon at a time until desired consistency. To fill and assemble, pipe or spread about 1 1/2 tablespoons Vanilla Bean Creme Filling on bottom halves of Oatmeal Cookies; top with remaining halves.



Rural Municipality of
FISHER

The Local Urban District of Fisher Branch

SNOW CLEARING SIDEWALKS

The Local Urban District of Fisher Branch is inviting proposals for snow clearing sidewalks within the village of Fisher Branch.

- Snowblower is required.
- Equipment must be available upon request.
- Salting/sanding icy patches.

Sealed envelope to be marked "Snow Clearing Sidewalks".

For further information, call the RM of Fisher Office at (204) 372-6393.

Deadline for proposals is **4:00 p.m. Friday, October 23, 2020.**

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BOARD OF REVISION 2021 & ADJUSTED ASSESSMENTS 2020

APPLICATION FOR REVISION

42(1) A person in whose name property has been assessed, a mortgagee in possession of property under Section 114(1) of *The Real Property Act*, an occupier of premises who is required under the terms of a lease to pay the taxes on the property, or the assessor may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of an assessed value;
- classification of property; or
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under sub-section 13(2).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

43(1) An Application for revision **must**

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which a revision is sought;
- state the grounds on which the application is based; and
- be filed by
 - delivering it or causing it to be delivered to the office of the RM of Gimli in the RM of Gimli, Manitoba, or
 - serving it upon the Secretary, at least 15 days before the scheduled sitting of the Board of Revision.
- provide a daytime contact telephone number

The Board of Revision will sit on **November 19th, 2020**, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office of the Rural Municipality of Gimli, 62 2nd Avenue, Gimli, Manitoba.

ADJUSTED PROPERTY TAXES
must be appealed **within 30 days after mailing.**

The final date on which all other applications must be received by the Secretary of the Board is **Wednesday, November 3rd, 2020 no later than 4:30PM.**

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Dated at RM of Gimli Office, in Manitoba, this 28th of July, 2020.

Cindy Makowsky
Board of Revision
Rural Municipality of Gimli
Box 1246, Gimli, MB R0C 1B0
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For further information, or to arrange to view the property, please phone 204 768 2848.

Riverton



Snow Clearing Tender

The Riverton Coop is requesting Snow Clearing Tenders for the 2020 – 2022 winter seasons.

Snow clearing is required for the Food Store – front and back parking lots and west side delivery area.

Please provide tenders based on clearing and possible removal if necessary.

Please provide proof of insurance in quote. Lowest tender not necessarily accepted.

Please contact Darlene or Kris for detailed information at (204)378-2251.

Tenders must be submitted to
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OBITUARY



Joyce Storoschuk (nee Pavlek)
June 5, 1941 - September 20, 2020

Peacefully, in her sleep, at home, Joyce succumbed to ongoing health issues.

She was predeceased by her parents John and Annie Pavlek, brothers Walter and Mike and sister Beverly. She leaves behind her son Gary and sister Mary.

She grew up on the family farm in Sylvan. She also lived in Winnipeg, Petersfield, then Winnipeg again where she worked at Birchwood Animal Hospital until she retired and moved to Arborg.

She took great pride in her garden and flower beds, and her house was spotless and tidy.

She was a great cook and baker and had more cookbooks and recipes than most libraries. On holidays it was an excessive buffet and tough trying to diet. As much as she liked to cook, she still

liked going to Comodo's in Gimli.

Thank you to her friends and neighbours, the home care team, and Arborg Hospital, which allowed her to have a few rows in the garden and some flowers in her final summer.

She has been cremated and there will be no service.

OBITUARY



Ian George Hodgkinson

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Ian George Hodgkinson on September 29, 2020, one day after his 61st birthday.

Ian was predeceased by his father Hugh George Hodgkinson in 1993 and his son Steven George Hodgkinson in 2018. Left to cherish his memory is his wife Chrissie; "his girls" daughter-in-law Britney and precious granddaughter Brooklyn as well as his mother Bernice and siblings Dennis (Betty), Jill (Jim), Ted (Sherri), Tom, Joan (Frank), Hugh (Cheri) and Andrew (Na Lin); his mother and father-in-law Bev and Ed Chrisp and brother-in-law Grant (Laurie), as well as many nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews who were all very special to Uncle Pope.

Ian was born in Trinidad on September 28, 1959, the fifth of eight children. Their Nanny nicknamed this beautiful little blonde haired brown eyed boy Popo, which was Creole for baby, and as he grew older Popo was shortened to Pope. Ian was a very mild natured child and carried that throughout his life.

Ian wasn't only handsome he was handy. Some would even describe him as MacGyver. Ian was also a well-respected mechanic and people would often look to him for advice on what might be wrong with their vehicle.

A celebration of Ian's life took place on October 4, 2020 at "Frank Lake" (Joan and Frank's) in Erinview, MB, a favourite camping spot for friends and family.

Ian was dearly loved by all and will be greatly missed.

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Rural Municipality of
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The Local Urban District of Fisher Branch

SNOW CLEARING STREETS

The Local Urban District of Fisher Branch is inviting proposals for street snow clearing and removal within the Village of Fisher Branch for the 2020 season.

- Equipment required is grader, loader, and truck.
- Interested applicants must have own liability insurance coverage and must be registered with the Workers' Compensation Board of Manitoba.
- Equipment must be available upon request.

A map of street locations for snow clearing is available at the RM of Fisher Office 30 Tache Street, Fisher Branch, Manitoba.

Sealed envelope to be marked
"Snow Clearing Streets".

Deadline for proposals is **4:00 p.m. Friday, November 6, 2020.**

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