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A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Its been said: "Time flies when you're having fun!" Well, the last time I looked at my watch, it was just after Christmas. What's happened since then?

I've sent out a special note to all residents of the Municipality recapping the highlights of Flood 2009. I would like to restate here that the Municipal response was commendable. Our collective efforts (Councillors, Municipal Staff, Public Works, Fire Department, and Volunteers) helped save no less than 300 homes in our community. My personal thanks to all of you who worked or supported our flood-fighting from March through to April.

On other fronts, I'm happy to report that our Community Centre is getting lots of sporting and social event use since its opening in December 2008. I encourage you, if you haven't already, to pay it a visit and consider holding your next event there.

On April 23, Manitoba celebrated Earth Day and I was very proud to attend the Legislative grounds to be part of a ceremony highlighting the acceptance of West St. Paul School's pilot project to reduce municipal greenhouse gas emissions. About 30 kids were there representing the School (see picture on p.6). Way to go!

On the topic of greening, we will be announcing a new beautification program in the near future. Please stay tuned for that.

There's a lot of information in this issue of our Newsletter. Please enjoy it, and if you have any comment or suggestions on how we can make it even better, contact us on-line at info@weststpaul.com or call us at 338.0306.

8 Million More Reasons to Feel Good About Your Community

On May 8, 2009, MP Joy Smith and MLA Peter Bjornson were at the West St. Paul Municipal offices to deliver and present an 8 million dollar cheque to the Municipality for a sewage treatment plant in West St. Paul which will serve both West St. Paul and St. Andrews. The total cost of the project is estimated at 12 million. Our thanks to the Federal and Provincial governments.



Clifford Dearman,
Mayor West St. Paul



Bruce Henley, Peter Bjornson, Cliff Dearman, Joy Smith, Sharon Yackel, and Dan Garcea



Flood 2009 Wrap-Up: the final word.

Our yards, roads, and ditches have returned to looking much better -- Flood 2009 is, for the most part, over.

In getting things back in order, the Municipality would like to remind you about Disaster Financial Assistance: if you've suffered any flood related damage you can make application for Disaster Financial Assistance; you might also want to have your well water checked. For assistance with a Disaster Financial Assistance application or for well water info, call the Municipal office at 338.0306.

Where Grassmere Creek met the Red on April 17th

COUNCIL'S CORNER

Ward 1: As your councillor, I wish you all Happy Spring. Finally some nice weather to get the flowers blooming and the birds singing. As you all know we had a rather "Emergency State" at the end of March and beginning of April. I thank everyone for their patience and all of the residents that supported the work and effort that was provided by the Public Works employees and our Fire Department. With working in the Emergency Operation Centre, I was able to see first hand the dedication these employees portrayed to our Municipality. Our Office Staff went beyond the Call of Duty with the long days and late nights. As this is now behind us, we look forward to new projects for West St. Paul. The new Ambulance Centre is scheduled to begin construction this year. Our Handi Van Service is serving the Municipality well with information available at the office. Our Coat of Arms and Flag provides our residents with heritage and pride. I wish you a safe and happy summer (I think I can safely say the word summer) and remember to take time out to enjoy what nature has given you.

Sharon Yackel

Ward 2: Hello Wonderful West St. Paul! It's been a busy spring and we made it through the 2nd largest flood of the century. What a spring! We've made it through the 2nd largest flood of the century. It took some long nights and valiant efforts. We owe thanks to many people, specifically our firefighters, public works, staff and local contractors who teamed up to keep the waters a bay. The flood caused damage to roads, culverts, ditches and drainage courses throughout the municipality and refurbishing will cost a substantial amount of money. We expect to receive disaster financial assistance to help us repair the damaged infrastructure and are very appreciative of the help. More to come on that topic soon .

Council has budgeted for some extensive projects this year including: park improvements, recreation site upgrades, an elevator at the Sunova Centre, drainage improvements, more street lights, decorative Christmas street lights, trees, signage, fire and public works department equipment, a fire hall expansion among other things.

If full funding is received for the proposed road repairs in combination with our road reconstruction projects, we expect to complete over \$760 000 in road improvements. Expect to see construction equipment in your neighbourhood throughout the summer and please be patient as we continue to maintain and beautify Wonderful West St. Paul.

Dan Garcea (Deputy Mayor)

Ward 3: Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who provided so much support through the spring flooding. Best wishes to all for a great summer that has been a long time coming!

Sam Hodgkinson

Ward 4: Greetings to all residents of West St. Paul! With the winter and the flooding now behind us it is hopefully a time for a warm peaceful summer season ahead. Council has been very busy working on numerous projects and also our 2009 budget that will continue to see our community with the lowest mil rate in the capital region. As a resident or business you will continue to see improvements in municipal programs and infrastructure investments. These long term community projects are critical to our sustainable growth.

I would like to thank our retiring CAO Glenn Wright and Joanne Warwick for their personal and professional contributions to West St. Paul, with over 56 years of combined service these individuals have provided many current and previous Council members including residents with helpful information over the years. As a community we have counted on their Municipal knowledge to help plan our communities future growth. All the best in your retirement.

Our community residents, municipal departments ,local businesses and volunteers did an outstanding job helping to minimize the flood of 2009, this combined effort was a first class showcase of community teamwork congratulations for a job well done. Have a safe and healthy summer.

Bruce Henley

CHIEF ADMINISTRATION OFFICE (CAO) Glenn Wright

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to the residents of the RM of West St. Paul. It is time to reflect and enjoy a retirement life.

West St. Paul has been a wonderful place to have a career; I have seen many changes over the years. From my beginning in 1976 with the public works department, moving to by-law enforcement in 1986, director of operations in 2004, and acting and Chief Administrative Office since 2007.

West St. Paul is a vibrant and growing community and has many opportunities in it's future.

It has been a wonderful experience, I thank everyone that I have worked with over the years and wish the RM of West St. Paul residents and Council all the best in this exciting time.



ASSISTANT CAO Joanne Warwick, C.M.M.A.



Where have the years gone?

On April 16, 2009, I celebrated my 20th Anniversary with the RM of West St. Paul. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish the residents of West St. Paul all the very best. Your community is a vibrant, growing municipality and, during the next few years, it will see many exciting changes.

At this time, I would also like to express my thanks to all those members of council and staff that I have worked with during my career with West St. Paul.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NOTES Fire Chief, Ryan Yackel

FLOOD. What an incredible spring! I can't remember ever having such drastic changes in the weather day to day. The flood of 2009 will definitely be one to remember. West St. Paul Fire Department was activated for a total of 34 days to assist with flood mitigation throughout the entire Municipality. The Department comprised of 27 current members and 4 retired members and performed over 3500 hours of service during Flood 2009.

On behalf of the department, I would like to recognize the following 4 retired members of West St. Paul Fire Department, Len Krisko, Jeff Miller, Ed Budney, and Nick Kasper, who gave up some of their free time to come out and assist in our response. I thank Bev Bragg and her group of volunteers who helped feed us throughout this event, you can imagine the difficulty in feeding a large group of hungry Fire Fighters. As well, the Department thanks all the residents who came out to give us words of encouragement, and provided us with refreshments. We all thank Council for there support, assistance, and understanding throughout this entire event.

Finally, I personally thank all my current members of the Department for their incredible effort during this emergency. Without your effort there is no way this Department would have been able to accomplish what we did during the flood of 2009.

TRAINING. The Department is currently conducting a Level 1 Fire Fighting course for 4 of its newest members. Also, the Department has 3 members currently enrolled in a Level 2 Fire Fighting course be held in St. François Xavier. These coursed will be completed by the end of June. The Department also held a vehicle extrication course May 15, 16, and 17.

TIDBITS. Congratulations to Mike & Carrie Azaransky on the arrival of their 3rd child Avery, born in March.

CANADA DAY. Planning for Canada Day 2009 is well under way. The event will be held on Wednesday July 1, 2009. This year will bring some new and exciting challenges for us as we are moving the event to the West St. Paul Recreation Site & Sunova Center located at 48 Holland Rd. Please stay tuned to your mailbox, bulletin boards, or www.weststpaul.com for more information and a complete schedule of the day's events.

DID YOU KNOW?

HANDI-VAN. This West St. Paul service provides transportation for people who cannot use other modes of transport because of mobility impairment or blindness. The service covers two geographical areas—Area 1 includes the northern part of the City of Winnipeg to Broadway Avenue (fare \$6.75) and Area 2 for parts south of Broadway Avenue (fare \$8.75). Hours of operation are from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday-Friday and 24 hour pre-booking is required. Limit two round trips per week.

HAZARDOUS WASTE. Hazardous materials you can't dispose of at BFI Prairie Green Facility are accepted by Miller Environmental corporation on the first and last Saturday of every month. For special drop-off times or any other questions, call them at **925.9600**. Their website: www.millergroup.ca.

TERRY FERGUSON. Appointed Supervisor Parks and Recreation, and will from now assume the duties of By-Laws Officer. Congratulations Terry!

SUMMER CAMP 2009

5 day camps will be offered this summer starting July 2nd and running back-to-back until August 28th for ages 6-12 years. Activities will include: sports with an emphasis on team work and fair play, arts and crafts, field trips and water games.

Registration forms will be available at the West St. Paul Community Centre and at our Municipal Offices. Please call **336.0294** for more information and keep checking www.weststpaul.com.

MINI SOCCER JAMBOREE. · Over 70 volunteers tackled the parking, slaved over the barbeque, wrapped hotdogs and hamburgers and sold candy until it was all gone · Over \$400 of candy was sold · 106 teams participated roughly 1060 participants · Over 3000 people visited the event; parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and special guests · Over 2000 hotdogs and hamburgers were cooked, wrapped, unwrapped and eaten · 80 - 100 km winds · Temperature ranged from +2 to +18 in one day

Did you know why Pipeline Road is so named?

In the early 1900's, the city of Winnipeg piped their water from wells in the west area of West St. Paul. The pipeline was established and brought the water into Winnipeg, thus Pipeline Road was appropriately named. This was discontinued when the City decided to look at other places for water supply.

Art Work

The RM of West St. Paul is still looking for local artists' work to be displayed in the Multi-Purpose Room at the new West St. Paul Community Centre. If you have a piece of artwork that you would like considered for this space please provide a picture of the artwork and dimensions to the West St. Paul Municipal Office. Pictures of the art work can be dropped off or emailed to recreation@weststpaul.com.

RECREATION NEWS AND PROGRAMS

Nursery School Program

Sheri Owen, Teacher / Nursery School Director

Greetings from the West St. Paul Nursery School.

We are enjoying our new home at the new recreation center. We are going to be closed for the summer as our program runs from September till June. We currently have afternoon spots available if you are interested in our program please give me a call at **334-9669**. I will be checking the messages through out the summer and I will be sure to answer any of your questions. Have a great summer.

BASEBALL PROGRAM

This year we have a Learn to Play Program for boys & girls 5-7 years. We have 5 girls teams and 2 boys teams playing at the recreation centre. The wet weather has put a damper on games. We are hosting the divisional playoffs June 26-28. The Pee Wee C Provincials for the girls July 17-19 and the Pee Wee AAA boys Provincials July 31—Aug 3. For more information call Bev Bragg at **336.0294**.



SOCCER PROGRAM Lionel Pang, Convener

West St. Paul Hosts FC Northwest Mini Jamboree 2009!

On the weekend of May 29 - 31, our new Sunova Recreation Centre played host to one of the largest soccer events of the summer. Over 4,000 people (including little soccer players) spent important family time together while playing the wonderful game of soccer. See pic on page 6.

Boys and girls, ages 4yrs to 8yrs played on one of the 14 soccer fields set up for the grand event. Little tykes were seen running for the ball, passing, scoring, and most importantly shaking hands and making friends which will cross their paths for a very long time. Every team received hotdogs, treats, a soccer CD (courtesy of FC Northwest) and a t-shirt for a fond memory of the weekend.

Families not only experienced the new recreation centre, but were also treated to bounceroos, a skills course, the West St. Paul Fire Department, paramedics, and many mascots over the three days.



A great big thank you to Mayor Dearman and the team from the Municipal Hall as well as the volunteers of West St. Paul for bringing this together!

Instructors Wanted

Do you have a special skill that you can share? We are always looking to find local people to instruct classes. Give us a call at **336.0294** or e-mail us at info@weststpaul.com.

How to book your event

The West St. Paul Community Centre is now open and if you are interested in booking some time, please visit www.booking.ca/bkwsp. A link to this website can also be found on the West St. Paul Website. We can also help you when you call the West St. Paul Community Centre at our new number 336-0294.

HOCKEY PROGRAM Shann Chartrand, Convener

Well the season is over, and the long winter hopefully is gone too. We hosted 5 teams this year 5 & 6 Timbits, 7 & 8 house league, and also 8 A1's (NOVICE A1), 9A3'S (MINOR ATOM A3), 11 A3'S (MINOR PEEWEE A3). Finally we have a place to call home ice, and our teams and other visitors were very impressed with our facilities at our new club. We enjoyed some outdoor games at our rink this winter and the teams were very entertaining to watch. Next season will be even better for our teams as the ice could be in sooner now that construction is done.

Our Timbits and house league teams really put on a good show for all their families and fans this season. They are our upcoming stars in the hockey program, and are really fun to watch. These players really put a lot of effort and energy in their sport and want to perform well.

Our Novice A1 team played in a tough division and ended up in 3rd place. The Minor atom A3 team finished 4th place. The minor peewee A3 team finished 3rd place as well. They all went into the playoffs with a really good chance to win their divisions. These players all put out a great effort in the playoffs but came up a little short at the end.

It was a very exciting and busy season. We need to Thank all Players and Parents, Coaches, Managers, Safety People for participating in our program. We also extend our Thanks to Seven Oaks Minor Hockey and all participating Community Centers and Conveners. Thanks to West St Paul Council members for our new Community Center for the Star's hockey teams.

Special Thanks to Rob McKenzie for assisting as Hockey Convener.

We are also looking for Volunteer board members on the 7 Oaks and Northwest stars hockey clubs.

Please check web site for any info www.somha.ca

GREAT JOB STARS !



Kenney K. Coles ©Kenney K. Coles

IT PAYS TO RECYCLE

Since the Municipality has moved to weekly recycling, I have noticed residents increasing the amount of recycled material placed by the roadside for pick-up. Good work. However, I am still noticing that some households are not aware of our Recycling Program that occurs every Thursday, the same day as our refuse pick-up. Based on the tonnage of recyclable materials received, a rebate cheque is sent to the Municipality from the Manitoba Product Stewardship Corporation. Thus, it Pays to Recycle. So, lets all do our part to ensure we are not Throwing our World Away.

Sharon Yackel
Standing Committee of Council for
Manitoba Association
Regional Recyclers



PIC NOT AVAILABLE

West St. Paul School, April 23



Mini Soccer Jamboree, May 29-31

WHERE TO WORSHIP IN WEST ST. PAUL

Rivercrest United Church

4249 Main Street
West St. Paul, MB
R4A 2A7

338.0521

St. Pauls Middlechurch Anglican Church

299 Balderstone Road
West St. Paul, MB
R4A 4A5

339.3978

St. Beneditcts Monastery

225 Master Ave
West St. Paul, MB
R4A 2A1

338.4601

St. Theresa Catholic Church

3597 Main Street
West St. Paul, MB
R4A 5A2

339.2649

Newsletter Suggestion Box

Do you have an idea for a newsletter article or a community event you'd like to promote? Contact us at the municipal office at **338.0306** or info@weststpaul.com.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS IN WEST ST. PAUL

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

The Meetings are open to the public and we encourage residents to attend. Meetings start at 5:00 P.M. with Planning items starting at 7:00 P.M.

SELKIRK AND DISTRICT PLANNING AREA BOARD MEETING DATES:

The meetings are open to the public and start at 7:00 P.M. Offices are located in Selkirk, MB at 200 Eaton Ave.

COUNCIL CONTACTS:

Mayor Clifford Dearman	wspmayor@mts.net	338.3496 (Res.)	338.0306 (Bus.)
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Dan Garcea - Deputy Mayor & Councillor Ward 2	dangarcea@shaw.ca	339.8209 (Res.)	338.0306 (Bus.)
Sam Hodgkinson - Councillor Ward 3	shodgkinson@shaw.ca	336.6635 (Res.)	338.0306 (Bus.)
Bruce Henley - Councillor Ward 4	b.henley@shaw.ca	334.2484 (Res.)	338.0306 (Bus.)

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer			338.0306 (Bus.)
Assistant CAO			338.0306 (Bus.)
Kyle Wingate - Director of Operations	kwingate@weststpaul.com		338.0306 (Bus.)
West St. Paul Recreation Centre	recreation@weststpaul.com		336.0294
WSP Municipal By-Law Enforcement Dept.		(24 hour answering service) 994.2914 or	338.0306

**Emergency Numbers: For callers using cell phones, you must request Brandon 911 for Police, Fire or Ambulance
Emergency Services**

West St. Paul Community Centre Nursery School	336.0294
RCMP Selkirk	1.204.482-1222
Environment Canada	1.800.667.8676 (Toll Free)
West St. Paul School	339.1964
Middlechurch Home	339.1947
BFI Prairie Green Facility	694.7615
Selkirk District Planning Area Board	1.800.876.5831 (Toll Free)
Joy Smith - MP Kildonan-St. Paul	984.6322
Peter Bjornson - MLA for Gimli	1.866.253.0255 (Toll Free)
Evelyn Myskiw - School Trustee Seven Oaks School Division	339.1242

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GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PICKUP THURSDAYS