

TOWN OF SWAN RIVER

2017 SPRING NEWSLETTER



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Town Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the council chambers located in the Town office at 439 Main Street. The meetings start at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Transportation

1st Street Mill and Fill – On 1st St. N east of 13th Ave. the top 50 mm of asphalt were milled off and 75 mm of asphalt was placed. This road renewal will result in a smooth ride along 1st St. N for years to come.

Heyes Street Storm sewer – An additional storm sewer catch basin, a storm main and an outfall were added at the north end of Heyes St. This will prevent flooding at the north end of Centennial Dr. N and prevent rainwater from backing up and infiltrating the sanitary sewer system.

Lowering Manholes – With the late fall, crews were able to lower more than 25 manholes around town, making it easier to plow snow off the roads all winter long.

Sanding Streets – The sanding truck has been out around town spreading sand at intersections and on hills to ensure everyone can get around safely.

Cleaning Catch Basins – Select catch basins have been cleaned out to prevent gravel and other debris from entering the storm sewer system.

Pothole Patching – Several areas of deteriorated pavement around town were cut, removed and replaced with new asphalt. This prevents surface water from entering the pavement substructure which prevents further deterioration.

Utility

Currie Road N – Water and sewer mains were extended along Currie Road N to provide service to new developments in the area.

Meter Installs – Finishing the remaining meter installs, which allows all of the water meters in town to be read in a couple of hours instead of 2 to 3 weeks.

Flushing Sanitary Sewers – The sanitary sewer flushing program continued this fall. The program is designed to remove built up residue in the pipes, allowing smooth flows throughout the system and preventing backups.

Abandoned Old Services – Water lines at the old town trailer court were excavated, cut and capped so that the property will be ready for future development.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

The By-Law Enforcement Officer's hours are Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Any concerns must be put in writing and brought to the Town office or sent by email to bylaw@townsr.ca

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Officer's hours are Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For any situations that arise after hours, please call 204-734-4586 or email bylaw@townsr.ca. The officer will get back to you as quickly as possible. Please remember to have your dogs licensed and keep their vaccinations current. Licenses are available at the Town office. Any dog that has a valid license will be brought back to you at no charge.



Councillor's Corner

I thought it would be appropriate to bring our Swan Valley Community up to date on what is happening in the local medical world. The G4 (Town of Swan River, Municipality of Swan Valley West, Municipality of Minitonas-Bowsman and the Rural Municipality of Mountain), the Recruit/Retain Medical Committee, Prairie Mountain Health (PMH), Province of Manitoba, doctors and nurses, Leisa Lukie and the primary clinic staff are all actively recruiting doctors, physiotherapists and nurses. Our catchment area has approximately 16,000 residents and some suggest that means we need 16 doctors with appropriate support staff and technology. Our new contingent of doctors are actively recruiting their peers and they and I remain positive. Our concept being entertained is bringing resident doctors to the clinic to do part of their training locally. This hopefully

would lead to them returning to start their practices here.

Accommodations for medical professionals remain a problem but our economic development entity (RISE) has made this a priority so we hope for progress here.

We are aware that there are 12 resident doctors training in Dauphin and we will be inviting them to come to our Valley for a tour to show them the many amenities we share. We will also go to Dauphin to meet with them to discuss their plans and our opportunities.

Requests for specific medical technologies keep coming in and we believe many will come to fruition through the remarkable support of our Lions Clubs, Hospital Foundation and other service groups. Having the specific tools that they were trained to use is a big attraction to medical professionals. PMH advises us that partial obstetrics services for low risk births is a goal that is closer to being accomplished than before. Doctors and nurses are being trained on a regular basis for these procedures.

At a meeting this fall with Wayne Heide, Administrative Director, Manitoba Office of Rural and Northern Health and Dr. Don Klassen, Medical Director (ORNH) we were encouraged by both men who advised us we were on the proper path regarding recruiting and retaining activities.

Great news happened recently when the G4 announced they all agreed on extended funding for medical professionals recruitment for another 3 years. Our Valley municipal leaders are committed to improving health care. Also discussed with medical professionals was the medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) and the interview process for prospective doctors. At the moment rural students get special bonus points up to 13% more credit over urban students. Urban students do not appreciate this. We have been encouraged to not take our "foot off the gas pedal" as complacency is dangerous. The bottom line is those communities that are actively engaged in the recruiting process are more successful than those not doing so.

Yes we all agree this is a Provincial Government responsibility but our success can be attributed to our local Valley groups, PMH and government's support.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons accepts annually 110 students, only 5 from outside of Manitoba.

Our local community people are extremely important in medical professionals' decisions to come to our Valley.

Some suggest our towns, social activities, fishing trips etc. are more important than the hospital work when it comes to decisions as to where to start their practice. So a big "THANK YOU" to the many people who help out in so many different ways! If you belong to a church group, service club, community group etc, please don't hesitate to ask one of these young people to attend one of your activities. Developing roots for spouses and medical professionals are all important. We are also working with the Regional School (SVRSS) to establish protocols to identify potential medical professionals and encourage them to return to our Valley.

Dr. Savanna McKay will start here in July 2017.

The Hospital Foundation has also been very cooperative in monetary support for different medical requests.

If you know of any Valley students in a medical school please let us know so we can contact them.

Our local doctors certainly should be commended for their dedication. Not only do they work in the clinic but also work in emergency, and do dialysis plus chemotherapy work at the hospital; very long days. We appreciate their significant contribution.

Leisa Lukie and her team at the clinic are to be commended for their exemplary commitment to our Valley health care.

At the recent Annual Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) Convention we had the pleasure of meeting with the Honourable Kelvin Goertzen, Minister of Health. Your Town council was frank in its requests for support and also complimented him for staying involved. He was very appreciative of our input. We also met with Beth Beaupre, ADM to Minister Goertzen to discuss future recruiting processes.

In the continued good news department Dr. Rafiq Andani at the Primary Care Clinic has been arranging for three of his peers from the Northern Remote Program to visit our community. He and I are working at when and how to bring them to the Swan Valley. All three doctors will be available to work July

2017. We will be asking our partners to plan activities to showcase our many Valley amenities.

Recently I chatted with Courtney Bell from Bellsite and Amanda Woodson from Minitonas; both in medical schools. We will be meeting with them to discuss plans to get them both to return to practice medicine at home.

Are we where we want to be yet? No but we are certainly progressing rapidly thanks to all of the supports we have. I can't imagine how bad it would be if we did not have this new group of young doctors who have committed to our Valley.

Thank you
Duane L. Whyte Chair
Medical Professionals Recruiting
Medical Services Committee
Councillor – Town of Swan River

Recreation

ARENA & PARKS

The Centennial arena is nearing the end of its winter season. It was very busy with the Stampeders, minor hockey, figure skating along with many other groups, using the ice regularly.

The boards were replaced this summer on the outdoor arena with a donation from the Lions Club.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Swan Valley for sponsoring the free parent & tot/senior skating on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays.

The trails in the Legion Park and Rotary trails are regularly maintained for winter and spring use.

Tables and Chairs for Rent

Tables \$3.50/each

Chairs \$1.00/each

Picnic Tables \$5.00/each

For Bookings call **204-734-4141**

There has been a change to the booking policy. Beginning immediately, please make sure you see an arena staff member to sign in and sign out the equipment.

You will be charged \$100/table and \$75/chair for any that are not returned or are damaged.

Walking Trails

Please make sure to clean up after your dog. Bags are available both the Legion park and Rotary trails.

AQUATIC CENTRE



The aquatic centre is busy with school lessons, public swims, super splash parties and the ever popular Aquacise classes.

Starting on February 4th the new Saturday hours begin. The centre will open at 12:00 noon for lane swim. Public Swim will be from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Gift certificates are always available in any amount for any programs, services and merchandise we sell.

Daily Admission

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| Family | \$23.00 + tax |
| Adult | \$8.00 + tax |
| Senior (60+) | \$6.50 + tax |
| Student | \$6.50 + tax |
| Teen (13-17) | \$6.50 + tax |
| Child (3-12) | \$5.25 + tax |

Find us at: 1424 1st Street North
204-734-4119

www.swanvalleyrec.ca

www.facebook.com/RRWCENTRE
for a daily schedule

Spring Swim lessons

Start April 8, 2017

Tues./Thurs. and Saturday lessons are available

Registration closes the Wednesday before lessons start. Register early to avoid disappointment.

We also offer private lessons for everyone. Stop by the front desk or check it out online at www.swanvalleyrec.ca.



Are you looking for a new career?

Want to become a lifeguard? We are offering the courses required to become a certified lifeguard beginning in January. We are looking for part time and casual guards. Pay is great and hours can be flexible.

Advanced Aquatic Courses

Lifesaving Society Instructor can teach and evaluate a variety of Lifesaving Society programs, such as Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Standard First Aid, and all of the Swim for Life Levels. Learn how to effectively teach water rescue, first aid, and related aquatic skills. June 2 – 4 and June 9 – 11, 2017

National Lifeguard develops a sound understanding of lifeguarding principles, good judgment, and a mature and responsible attitude towards the lifeguard's role. National Lifeguard training emphasizes prevention and effective rescue response in emergencies including first aid treatment. May 12 – 14 and May 19 – 21, 2017

Aquasize – This has been one of our most popular programs happening at the Centre! We offer Aquasize on: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8 am and 1 pm, and Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7 pm. Cost: daily admission price or just use your membership card.



Private Rentals

30 people for *\$99/hour

31-69 people for *\$124/hour

70-104 people for *\$149/hour

105-139 people for *(\$174/hour
(this includes spectators)

Waterslide Lifeguard *\$25/hour

Renters can enjoy unlimited lap pool, leisure pool, waterslide, lazy river, tot pool, hot swirl pool & sauna use.

Saturdays & Sundays
5pm, 6pm & 7pm.

Super Splash Party *\$120.00

(during public swim times only)

This includes 18 swimmers, 1 hour in the party room and unlimited pool use until the end of public swim. Just pay regular drop in fees for numbers exceeding 18.



Swan Valley CO-OP Multi-Purpose

room is an excellent space for meetings, training sessions, family gatherings, club wind-up parties, and birthday parties. *\$40.00 for the 1st hour, *\$35.00 for the 2nd hour. We also offer a table place setting service for an additional *\$10 fee.

*Residents of non-contributing Swan Valley municipalities pay double the listed price.



COMMUNITY GARDENS

8 PLOTS AVAILABLE AT THE RICHARDSON RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTRE GROUNDS

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP BEAUTIFY THE COMMUNITY AND GROW YOUR OWN FLOWERS, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The plots will be “rented” (no rental fee will be charged) on a first come, first served basis.

“Renters” are responsible for maintaining their garden plots throughout the season, including watering, weeding, pruning, harvesting, fertilizing and pest/disease control.

If you are interested in a plot please call (204-734-4119) or stop by the Recreation and Wellness Centre.

HANDI TRANSIT VAN



The Handi Transit Van is used primarily for the mobility impaired. Regular hours are Monday to Friday from 8 am – 5 pm. Evening service is available upon advance request.

Weekend Service is available.

Sundays after 1 pm. Please call 204-734-4586 ext. 1 or 204-281-0163.

Booking at least one day in advance would be appreciated. Weekend bookings must be made by Friday. The cost is \$6.00 per one way trip within Town limits. All trips after 5:00 pm are \$8.00 per one way trip. Coupons are available for purchase in advance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS

- Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- When you are buying or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified electrician.
- Only plug one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- Major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, washers, stoves, air conditioners, etc.) should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Extension cords and plug strips should not be used.
- Arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) are a kind of circuit breaker that shuts off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Consider having them installed in your home. Use a qualified electrician.
- Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of shock. GFCIs shut

off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard. They should be installed inside the home in bathrooms, kitchens, garages and basements. All outdoor receptacles should be GFCI protected.

- Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month to make sure they are working properly.
- Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture. There should be a sticker that indicates the maximum wattage light bulb to use.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Call a qualified electrician or your landlord if you have:

- Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers
- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance
- Discolored or warm wall outlets
- A burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance
- Flickering or dimming lights
- Sparks from an outlet

In 2016 and 2017 the Town welcomed the following new employees:

Manesh Cheriyan

Recreation Worker

Crystal Kublick

Aquatic Centre CSR

Josh Steen

Aquatic Centre – Lifeguard

Brooklyn Makasoff

Aquatic Centre – Lifeguard

Erin Clouson

Aquatic Centre – CSR

Kirsten Formo

Aquatic Centre – Lifeguard

Calvin Johnston

Casual Handi Van Driver

Susan Logan

Utilities Office Clerk

Jennifer Campbell

RCMP Office Clerk

The New Municipal By-Law

Enforcement Act allows municipalities to enforce parking tickets and other by-law violations through the use of administrative penalties and non-judicial adjudicators instead of relying on limited Provincial Court resources. The Town is currently drafting a by-law to comply with this new Act. The goal is to create a simple, fair, and cost effective system to enforce by-laws while resolving disputes in a way that promotes understanding and compliance. The majority of the violations that will be enforced this way will relate to parking restrictions and community liveability by-laws. A penalty notice is issued if a by-law enforcement officer believes that there has been a by-law violation. The notice will include the relevant information relating to the violation and the amount of the administrative penalty that is owed. You may dispute the violation by contacting the Town office. A dispute is first reviewed by a screening officer who will review the information contained on the penalty notice and any additional information you may wish to provide. The screening officer will then determine if the penalty should be upheld, cancelled or in some cases varied. If you disagree with the screening officer's decision, you can request adjudication by a provincially appointed adjudicator. The adjudicator will review the screening officer's decision and any additional information that the adjudicator considers relevant. The adjudicator's decision is final and not subject to any appeal.

How to Pay the Fine on the Penalty Notice:

Payment of the fine indicated on the Penalty Notice can be made in person or by mail to:

The Town of Swan River
439 Main Street, Box 879
Swan River, MB R0L 1Z0

Please do not send cash in the mail.

Take note of any early payment discounts that are set out on the penalty notice.

Veterans Community Hall

Rental Prices

Effective February 7th, 2017

Legion Room

Full day \$150
Half day..... \$100
Hourly Rate..... \$30
Enhanced service.....\$50
(includes setup, takedown of table and chairs & garbage removal)

Kitchen

Full day..... \$50
Half day..... \$30
Dish rental..... \$50

Food Processing Center

Full day\$100
Half day..... \$60
(includes the use of the kitchen)

Main Hall

Full Day \$300
Half Day..... \$150
Hourly Rate..... \$50
Enhanced Service
\$75(setting up to 150)
\$100 (setting 150-250)
\$125 (setting 250 plus)
(includes setup, takedown of table and chairs & garbage removal)

Weddings & Conferences \$850.00

Includes Main Hall, Kitchen & dishes, Legion Room (day of event only) & Bar
Main Hall can be accessed at 5pm on the Thursday and rental runs until 2pm on Sunday

Socials \$1,000.00

Includes Main Hall, Kitchen, Legion Room and Bar
Accessed same day for setup and must be cleaned after event.

Table Rentals

*15 - 60 inch round tables (seats 8 people comfortably)\$10 each per function

These tables are available to rent outside of the Veterans Community Hall.

*These new tables were purchased with a grant received from the Community Foundation of Swan Valley. The Town of Swan River sincerely thanks the

Foundation for this generous grant. The tables will be a great asset for functions in the Valley and we hope to obtain more of these tables in the future.

GET READY FOR FOREST TENT CATERPILLARS

2016 saw a significant amount of defoliation in the spring. Expect a similar amount this spring.

Things to know:

Currently in egg stage, they will hatch near bud break time (mid-late May) Caterpillars will feed through May-June (4-5 weeks)

Moths will emerge for approx. 1 week in July.

Forest Tent Caterpillars infest in 12-15 year cycles

Outbreaks typically last 2-3 years, Currently Manitoba is in Year 2.

Can last from 2-9 years, though heavy defoliation rarely occurs more than 2 years at a given site.

Options for small area or individual trees:

Do nothing as most trees typically survive defoliation

Place barriers on trees

Remove egg masses before they hatch

Remove larvae when congregated

Use of insecticides

The Town currently has no plans or budget aside for fighting the forest tent caterpillars, if we were to do anything, only the parks and Town owned trees would be treated which overall are a small percentage of the trees in Town, we would not be treating any trees on private property.

BUILDING PERMITS

All property owners planning construction projects are required to contact the town office for development applications and building permits prior to any work taking place. In general, permits are required for new buildings and large renovations, garages, sheds over 120 sq.ft., decks, fences, demolitions and fire pits. We appreciate all inquiries and will provide any information we have on proper building methods. No permit is required for surfacing driveways or placing sidewalks within property limits but we need to be contacted in case town utilities are affected. Remember to call all utilities before beginning excavation projects.

Ron Lewicki, Building Inspector
building@townsr.ca