

TOWN OF SWAN RIVER 2015 FALL 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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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first edition of the Town of Swan River Newsletter. The newsletter is in response to criticism we have received that ratepayers are not informed about what is happening in their town. The plan is to put this out quarterly, but despite the newsletter feel free to contact myself or any Councillor with your concerns or for information.

As you are aware there have been some major turnovers and changes in personnel. The biggest changes have been in senior administration with the retirement of Chief Administrative Officer Shirley Bateman after thirty plus years of dedicated service. With Shirley's retirement Council decided that in response to the increasing complexity and demands of the financial aspect of municipal government that we would replace the Assistant Chief Administrator with a Chief Financial Officer (CFO). We are fortunate to have hired Terry Gnida CGA for that position. Terry has extensive experience with municipal audits and he brings that experience to the town operations. Julie Fothergill has taken over the position of CAO.

Changes in the Public Works Department include Darren Harvey as Assistant Superintendent of Public Works and Ron Lewicki as part time Building Inspector.

Patti Henkelman is currently working as an Interim Pool Manager at the Richardson Recreation and Wellness Center as some restructuring is

planned to the Parks and Recreation Department. These dedicated people and others run the day to day operations of the town and are the people you are most likely to come into contact with. We are grateful to all our employees for their efforts in providing services to you the ratepayer.

Centennial Arena

The Centennial Arena is shined up and ready for the upcoming 2015-16 season! We have another busy year ahead of us and we can't wait! Here are the events we will be hosting to kick off the 2015-16 season with a bang!



Centennial Arena

September 20th



Exhibition

Stampeders vs Dauphin
September 8th @ 7:30pm

Stampeders vs OCN
September 15th @ 7:30pm

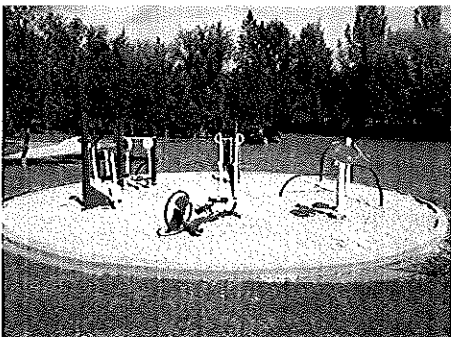
Stampeders vs Wayway
September 19th @ 7:30pm



Minor Hockey Start Date October 5th

PARKS & RECREATION

New Addition to Legion Park



Legion Park has a brand new exciting addition to its grounds courtesy of Services to Seniors and the Rotary Club. Brand new exercise equipment has been installed in various locations of the Park for any active member of our community to use. Take a walk down to Legion Park and see our new state of the art outdoor exercise equipment today!

LEGION PARK IN FULL BLOOM

It's a great time to take a stroll through Legion Park! Our beautiful flowerbeds, courtesy of the ladies of our community, are in full bloom, which makes for a scenic walk through our popular park.

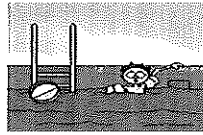
ROTARY TRAILS ARE A HUGE HIT!

Whether it's a walk with your dog or an evening stroll, the Rotary Park is the place to go! Our

popular year-round walking path is the perfect place to experience nature at its finest!

SWAN VALLEY CREDIT UNION

AQUATIC CENTRE IN THE RICHARDSON RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTRE



New fees for the aquatic centre effective October 1st, 2015:

Daily Admission:

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

Effective October 1st, 2015 non-contributing Swan Valley Municipalities will pay the 2nd tier fees for all services and programs at the aquatic centre, with the exception of the *daily admission fees. *For all other fees, a two tiered fee structure will be implemented in order to reflect the continued contribution to operation costs that taxpayers of the Town of Swan River and the Municipality of Swan Valley West are making towards the facility through their property taxes. All residents of the Swan Valley not from the two contributing municipalities will not be eligible for the discounted fees. Residents/taxpayers of the Town of Swan River and the Municipality of Swan Valley West will be eligible for 50% discounted rates upon proof of residency. When you attend the facility, please bring along your proof of residency.*

There are some changes coming to the Aquatic Centre this fall.

1. Shut down – Indoor facilities are typically shut down once a year to perform annual maintenance that cannot be done while there are patrons in the facility. We will be doing an annual shut down in September of every year. This year, the facility will be shut down from September 8 – September 20 inclusive.

2. Swim lessons – Over the past year, many classes were cancelled or combined due to lack of registrations. We understand that this was frustrating for parents trying to plan schedules in advance. We have reduced the number of classes offered this fall.

Lessons we will be offering:

Once a week class on Mondays after school beginning on September 28

Twice a week class on Tuesdays & Thursdays after school beginning on September 29 & November 3

Once a week class on Saturdays mornings beginning October 3

Please see the lesson schedule for more details.

3. Aqua Fit – This has been one of our most popular programs happening at the Centre and we want to be able offer as many classes as possible. Becoming a certified aqua fit instructor is a process which takes some time. We currently have staff in training but we are losing 3 instructors to university this fall and therefore we will not be able to keep up the current schedule. As soon the new instructors have finished the certification process, we will add back the classes. This fall, we will be

offering aqua fit on Wednesday & Friday at 8 am, Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1 pm, and Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7 pm. Mondays at 8 am Saturdays at 9 am will no longer be offered until further notice.

4. New programs – We will be offering a **Fun Club** for kids ages 7 – 12. It will be held on Wednesdays from 4 – 6 pm and will include an after school snack and lots of pool time to play some games and have fun. Cost will be \$90/child and run September 30 - ??.

Another new program will be **Stroke Correction**. This will be an opportunity for kids and adults to work specifically on their strokes with an instructor. Cost is \$40 and will run during the regular lesson period.

For a complete list of programs and services and fees, please contact the aquatic centre at 204-734-4119.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Transportation

2015 – Capital Projects

1. **New Loader/ Backhoe** – Following the Town Equipment replacement plan, in early spring 2015 Public Works tendered for a new Loader/Backhoe. The winning tender included a 2015 CASE 580 Super N WT. The Loader Backhoe is one of the Town most used equipment in our fleet.
2. **1st St. North Sidewalk** – Complete late July, landscaping to be complete in early August. It included the installation of a public sidewalk from 13th Ave to Evans Ave. The remainder of the sidewalk from Evans Ave to PTH 10 N will be installed in 2016.
3. **Asphalt Crushing** - The Town received crushing prices in January and proceeded to crush 3400yds of used asphalt that has accumulated

over several years. The material is used in back lanes and as a temporary fill for water and sewer excavation repairs.

2015 - Maintenance

Landfill Scale opening – The scale will be operational in August, however, the Town will NOT be charging at the Landfill until fall. We will start charging once we have the fees prepared, the Town will advertise and inform rate payers what to expect for charges at the Landfill prior to the date we start charging.

Curb and gutter repairs/ asphalt patching - all curb repairs must be done prior to the asphalt patching which is scheduled for early September. Roughly 20 areas within Town are to be patched with asphalt pavement.

Utility

2015 - Capital Projects

1. **Heyes Street Lift Station Upgrade** – To be complete late fall 2015. Included in the project is a full replacement of mechanical and electrical components, new more efficient grinder pumps to deal with the increased flow to the station. The addition of an electrical building to house the new control center will be added. Monitoring equipment for emergency response as well to track trending data is included. Project is to be complete late fall.
2. **Lift Station Radio Communication** – Project completed April 2015. All lift station monitoring equipment will report to the Water Treatment plant to inform operators of any non-typical operation of the Lift Stations.
3. **Radio Water Meter Replacement** – Currently complete 75% of the Town, new meters will bring more accurate readings and with radio technology decrease labour hours collecting readings.
4. **Lagoon Feasibility Study** – Complete July 2015. The Town received several options and a recommendation for the solution to

the issues the Town is facing with the current Lagoon.

2015 - Maintenance

Sewer Main Flushing – The Town will perform its Sewer flushing operations mid-September. Please be cautious when approaching work site vehicles was they will be parked on centerline of the roadway.

Water Main Flushing/Valve exercising – Annual flushing of water mains will take place late September early October. Maintenance records are updated on all hydrants and valves during operation.

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.



HANDI TRANSIT VAN



The Handi Van is used primarily for mobility challenged individuals. The cost is \$5.00 per trip or \$10.00 for a round trip within Town limits. The hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please book in advance because the bookings fill up quickly.

Fall Cleanup 2015



Fall Cleanup will take place October 19th to 23rd for one pass through town. We will follow the garbage schedule as close as we can. There will be no call backs.

Only grass, yard wastes, and branches under 1" in diameter will be picked up. Please bundle and bag your waste for easy loading.

Materials not bagged or bundled will be left behind.

No construction materials, stones, bricks, large trees / branches, or material other than that specified will be picked up.

For more information please call the Town Office at 204-734-4586.

Giveaway Weekend

Saturday, September 12th,
2015

Sunday, September 13th, 2015

Gather up all those reusable unwanted items taking up space in your home (e.g., toys, books, dishes, appliances, furniture, clothing, sporting goods, tools)

Place "FREE" stickers on each item, and set them on your front street curb

Everyone is invited to cruise the curbs and "shop" for FREE!

Please remove leftover items from your curb by dusk on Sunday

Councillor's Corner

As some of you are aware the Swan Valley Credit Union Aquatic Centre will be

implementing increased and two tier fees commencing October 1, 2015. Why is this happening you may ask? Well there are a few reasons.

1. Town of Swan River council has received consistent loud feedback from taxpayers/residents of the Town of Swan River that they do not want to be the only tax payers to be shouldered with the operational costs of the facility while the facility is open to everyone. Town Council has heard you.

2. While discussions are ongoing with our Swan Valley G4 Municipalities regarding shared funding for the operational costs, only the Municipality of Swan Valley West has currently agreed to contribute funds thus allowing their taxpayers/residents to be eligible to pay lower fees. If you are from a Swan Valley G4 Municipality who is not currently contributing to the annual operational costs, I invite you to talk to your councillor or Municipal Council.

3. After a year of operating the facility and working out the kinks in commissioning a new building of such size and complexity, we have better numbers to budget with in regards to revenue and operating costs. So there you have it. We have a new magnificent building with excellent staff and programing but we all know it comes at a price. We all want to keep the costs down and generated as much revenue as possible at an affordable price so we can minimize the operational deficit.

So what does this mean for me as a current or future user?

1. Daily admissions will see a modest increase after a careful review of surrounding community pools. Rates were chosen that are very comparable yet affordable for our drop in customers. These rates apply to all daily admissions regardless of residency.

2. All other fees will be two tiered and for a full listing of the current fees for a particular package or program, please take a look at the new 2015/16 Rec & Leisure guide or call the Aquatic Centre. All residents/taxpayers of the non-contributing Swan Valley G4 Municipalities will pay double the listed

fees, with the exception of the daily admission fees.

3. Programing review has been undertaken by staff at the Aquatic Centre this year. The review looked at various programs offered to determine what worked, what didn't and what the attendance numbers were for each program. A new revised program format is being implemented to achieve better efficiencies and better available programs. As always your feedback is appreciated.

Thank you,

David Moriaux
Councillor, Town of Swan River

In late 2014 and 2015 the Town welcomed the following new employees:

Keegan Harness,
Parks & Rec Maintenance II
Darren Harvey,
Assistant Superintendent of Works
Patti Henkelman,
Interim Manager of Aquatic Services
Nicholas Leclaire,
Public Works Labourer
Shawna Campbell,
SVCU Aquatic Centre CSR
Heather Nielson,
SVCU Aquatic Centre CSR
Codi Sauder,
SVCU Aquatic Centre Lifeguard
Kaili Sauder,
SVCU Aquatic Centre Lifeguard
Kenzi Formo,
SVCU Aquatic Centre Lifeguard
Ori Leblanc,
SVCU Aquatic Centre Lifeguard
Ben Burick,
SVCU Aquatic Centre Lifeguard
Madison Pierrepont,
SVCU Aquatic Centre Lifeguard
Kris Kotyk
SVCU Aquatic Centre CSR
Chandra Chambers,
SVCU Aquatic Centre Lifeguard/CSR
Doreen Kurylowich,
Casual Handi Van Driver
Lana Graham,
Community Hall Manager
Terence Gnida,
Chief Financial Officer



Richardson Recreation and Wellness Centre

Fall & Winter 2015 Lesson Dates, Fees & Charges

Fees are effective October 1. Residents of non-contributing Swan Valley municipalities pay double the listed fee. Fees do not include taxes.

Lesson Sets	# of Lessons	Holidays (no lesson)	Price per Session Parent & Tots	Price per Session Preschool To Level 6	Price per Session Swim Patrol	Price per Session Adult Lesson	Price per session Stroke Correction
Mondays (once per week)			30 min	30min	45min	45min	30min
Sept 28/15 – Dec 7/15	10	Oct 12	\$56.00	\$56.00	\$84.00	\$88.50	N/A
Tuesdays and Thursdays (twice per week)			30 min	30min	45min	45min	30min
Sept 29/15 – Oct 29/15	10		\$56.00	\$56.00	\$84.00	\$88.50	\$40.00
Nov 3/15 – Dec 3/15	10		\$56.00	\$56.00	\$84.00	\$88.50	\$40.00
Saturdays Only			30 min	30min	45min	45min	30min
Oct 3/15 – Nov 14/15	7		\$56.00	\$56.00	\$84.00	\$88.50	N/A

Go to: www.swanvalleyrec.ca to register online.

* If you already have a login account and experience trouble logging in, please call the Customer Service Desk @ 204-734-4119. DO NOT create another account. Thanks.

*We reserve the right to cancel or postpone any program or activity due to an emergency situation or low enrollment (classes may be combined or participants transferred).

Reg. File #	New Classes	Holidays (No lesson)	Date	Cost	Time
12094	Fun Club (for kids ages 7-12)	Nov 11	Sep 30/15 – Dec 9/15	\$90.00	4-6pm

Advanced Aquatics	Register Before	Date	Cost	Time
Standard 1 st Aid w AED	Nov 7	Nov 14-15/15	\$150.00	9-5pm
Standard 1 st Aid w AED - <i>Recertification</i>	Nov 7	Nov 15/15	\$80.00	9-5pm
Emergency 1 st Aid w AED (includes CPR)	Nov 7	Nov 14/15	\$75.00	9-5pm
Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation-C W/AED	Nov 7	Nov 14/15	\$75.00	9-4pm
Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation-C W/AED - <i>Recertification</i>	Nov 7	Nov 14/15	\$50.00	1-4pm
Bronze Medallion	Call to put your name on the list		\$195.00	TBA
Bronze Cross	Call to put your name on the list		\$145.00	TBA
Lifesaving Instructor	Call to put your name on the list		\$295.00	TBA
National Lifeguard Service	Call to put your name on the list		\$295.00	TBA



DROP-IN AND MEMBERSHIP FEES - - Tax will be added to the prices at the time of purchase.
 Fees effective October 1. Residents of non-contributing Swan Valley municipalities pay double the listed fee. Except for daily admissions which are applicable to all.

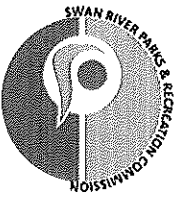
	Daily Admission	10 Tickets/ 10 visit pass	20 Tickets/ 20 visit pass	1 month	3 month	Annual Membership
Family (2 parents and their children)	\$23.00	\$184.00	\$345.00	\$192.00	\$492.75	\$975.00
Seniors (60+)	\$6.50	\$52.00	\$97.50	\$52.50	\$135.00	\$350.00
Adult (18 and up)	\$8.00	\$64.00	\$120.00	\$63.00	\$162.00	\$435.00
Student (with valid student ID)	\$6.50	\$52.00	\$97.50	\$52.50	\$135.00	\$350.00
Teen (13-17)	\$6.50	\$52.00	\$97.50	\$52.50	\$135.00	\$350.00
Child (3-12)	\$5.25	\$42.00	\$78.75	\$44.10	\$108.00	\$235.00
Tots (2 & under)	free	free	free	free	free	free
Aquatic Fitness	Pay a regular drop in fee or use your membership card.					

OTHER FEES

	Fee	Extra fees
Public Facility Rental	\$99.00/hour – Whole Pool \$60.00/hour – Lap pool only \$60.00/hour – Leisure Pool only (Maximum 30 swimmers)	\$25.00/hour per extra lifeguards needed
School/ Swim Club Facility Rental	\$65.00/hour – Whole Pool \$35.00/hour – Lap pool only \$35.00/hour – Leisure Pool only (Maximum 30 swimmers)	\$25.00/hour per extra lifeguards needed \$17.00/hour for SVSD schools
Lane Rental (public)	\$22.50/hour per lane	
Lane Rental (school/swim club)	\$16.50/hour per lane	
Locker Rentals	\$60.00/ year	
CO-OP Multi-Purpose room	\$40.00/hour	\$10.00 for Table place setting
Lifeguard	\$25.00/hour For the Waterslide to remain open the entire rental	\$25.00/hour To organize simple age appropriate games for a rental

PARTY OPTIONS

Option	Max hours in the CO-OP Multi-Purpose room	Multi-Purpose room Fee	Pool fees
Private Rental (5pm-8pm Saturdays and Sundays)	Up to 2 hours (Additional \$10.00 fee for table place setting)	\$75.00 (Additional \$10.00 fee for table place setting)	\$99.00/hour pool rental (max 3 hours) Includes 30 swimmers
Super Splash Party (during public swim times only)	1 hour of party room use (Additional \$10.00 fee for table place setting)	\$120.00 Includes 12 children and 6 adult swimmers (Regular drop in fees for numbers exceeding) Unlimited pool use until the end of Public Swim	



Richardson Recreation & Wellness
 Swan Valley Credit Union Aquatic Centre
 Fall 2015 Schedule (subject to change)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:00am			Fitness & Lap Swim (Leisure pool open for Public Swim)			Pool opens @ 7am	
7:00am							
8:00am	Fitness & Lap Swim (Leisure pool open)		Aqua Fit	Fitness & Lap (Leisure pool open)	Aqua Fit	Parent & Tot	Fitness and Lap Pool opens @ 12pm
9:00am			Leisure Swim or School & Group pool Rental (Check Facebook or call ahead as this changes daily)			Parent & Tot	
9:45am	Parent & Tot (Lap pool open)					Swim Lessons (closed to the public)	
10:00am							
12:15pm		Fitness and Lap Swim (Leisure pool open for Public Swim)					
1:00pm	Aqua Fit	Leisure Swim or School & Group Rental	Aqua Fit	Leisure Swim or School & Group Rental	Aqua Fit		
2:00pm	Leisure Swim or School & Group		Leisure Swim or School & Group		Leisure Swim or School & Group		
4:00pm	Swim Lessons (closed to the public)	Swim Lessons (closed to the public)	Fun Club (Closed to the public)		Swim Lessons (closed to the public)	Public Swim 1-5pm	Public Swim 1-5pm
5:30pm							
6:00pm		Family Swim					
7:00pm	Family Swim	Aqua Fit	Toonie Swim	Family Swim	Public Swim 4-8pm	Private Rentals (Closed to the public)	Private Rentals (Closed to the public)
8:00pm		Adult Leisure & Lap Swim (16 years plus)					
9:00pm		Closed @ 9pm					

Find us at: 1424 1st Street North - 204-734-4119 - www.swanvalleyrec.ca or www.facebook.com/RRWCENTRE for a daily schedule

