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## Saskatchewan 2023 budget: Esterhazy health facility approved

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Saskatchewan's provincial budget unveiled Tuesday includes funds for planning a new integrated health care facility for Esterhazy, as well as \$10 million to construct a new long-term care facility in Grenfell.

The announcement of the planning funding for Esterhazy comes as a relief for many people in Esterhazy, where people have been raising funds for the facility for many years.

Rural and Remote Health Minister Everett Hindley said the community made its case and convinced the government a new facility is needed.

"There has been a lot of community engagement. I had the opportunity earlier last summer to go out and visit the folks and the leadership in Esterhazy, to tour both of those facilities and spend about half a day there.

"I knew coming into this role that this was one of the projects that was near the top of the list. We do have a number of projects that need to be undertaken whether they're hospitals, health centres, or long term care facilities across Saskatchewan. In this particular case, Esterhazy made a compelling argument. So we'll be providing \$250,000 in this budget to essentially green light that project and begin the work that needs to be done to start towards a new integrated facility for Esterhazy.

"These are facilities that are—and I saw it firsthand—that are in need of replacement. St. Anthony's Hospital was built in 1966 and it's rated in fairly poor condition as a result of that. The special care home was built in 1969 so it has also seen better days.

"In both of those facilities, there's money being put into maintenance to keep them running but what's really needed there is a new facility."

"It's just great community collaboration and regional collaboration towards, not only fundraising, but advocacy for this very important project. We as a government are very proud to support that, initiate that project and get it going."

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### Reading with the Riders

Saskatchewan Roughriders linebacker Justin Herdman-Reed visited MacLeod Elementary School on March 20, where he read to students from pre-kindergarten to Grade 5. See page 17 for more photos during his visit.



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# Steel Creek Developers addresses Moosomin Chamber

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

On March 21 at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting, Steel Creek Developers gave a presentation about how their business helps further develop rural communities, and the possibility of building a new hotel or combined hotel and seniors housing in Moosomin.

"Steel Creek Developers, our name might look familiar. My dad, Ken Rempel, worked a lot in Moosomin a number of years ago," said Trevor Rempel of Steel Creek Developers.

"He used to work for Bridge Road Developments. Dad retired from that, and a week later was Thanksgiving. I plopped a business plan in front of him and my two brothers, and Steel Creek Developers was born. "It consists of myself, I run the business side of things, all of our client contact. My dad works part time, he looks after new business development. He's looking for the new projects, he's going ahead of us and trying to find communities where opportunities exist."

Rempel said the business works with rural communities who have the potential for further development.

"Growing up in a small rural community we recognized that there is still opportunities," said Rempel.

"A lot of the larger developers, urban based developers, they can't see beyond the perimeter of the cities. They think small towns are ghost towns in the making, but growing up in a rural community we know that's not the case.

"We know there's lots of communities out there that have a lot of opportunities. It's just a matter of finding groups of people with the creativity and insight to try and figure out a way of meeting those community needs, while taking advantage of the opportunity and creating businesses that can be a success in those communities."

Rempel informed members that the purpose of his presentation was to give a background of what Steel Creek Development business focuses on, and if the need and interest in Moosomin is there, they are interested in developing a partnership with the community.

"Moosomin is a little bit unlike the market we've done in the past, where we are sort of the first hotel in, other than the older



At the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting last Tuesday, Trevor Rempel of Steel Creek Developers gave a presentation about what the business is about, and answered questions local businesses had about possibly investing into a new hotel or mixed facility in town.

local motels that were all sort of built in the same decade," he said.

He spoke about the problem of business leaving town when hotels cannot accommodate everyone when events and tournaments happen in town.

"You guys understand the fact that if you let vehicles drive out of town because they can't stay in the community overnight, that's a tank of gas leaving town, that's two, three or four meals walking out of town," he said.

## Looking for local investors

Rempel told Chamber members that if there is an interest in the community for moving ahead with the project, then the next step moving forward would be to create a local investor group.

"Whenever we do a project we look at lining up local investor groups that will own the project," said Rempel.

"When we identify an opportunity we

create a business plan. We create a conceptual model of what the project would look like, and then we work locally to try and find people in town who want to invest into something that's going to help their community. Also to give them a return on their investment, and see if we can put together a local ownership group.

"Usually we can't get 100 per cent of the money locally, but as long as we can a good chunk of local ownership. It also means that ownership has a pride in the project and in the business that's sitting there. And, it also means the profits from that business is staying within the community as well, if that ownership is local."

Rempel stated that Steel Creek's best interest is to fit the needs of the community and make sure local investors get their money back on their investment for the project.

At the meeting, Josef Tesar, owner of Motel 6 in Moosomin, shared his concerns of building a fourth hotel in town.

"Any business is good to build in town

and I'm not against your project, I'm for your project, but I think you should build the minimum or no rooms (for a hotel)," said Tesar.

"This town needs room for senior citizens, it does need more housing for people, it does need apartments for young people, but an extra 30 hotel rooms is the last thing we need in this community."

Dan Davidson, owner of Red Barn, said a new hotel in town would be a great addition to the community, but does not see the need for it for the time being.

"We would benefit as a restaurant, food services, there's a lot of people that would benefit by adding rooms in Moosomin," said Davidson.

"But, Moosomin in the last five years has not exceeded 55 per cent at our big three hotels. That's not profitable for anyone.

"In fairness to the hotels if I wanted to think of myself, I would say build the hotel because I'm in the food business, but I do not think it is a good thing. I think we have three big hotels that I don't think were as profitable in the last five years."

Angela Turpie, from Moosomin RBC asked Rempel if there is a possibility for building a split model facility with rooms for long term living in addition to adult living.

"We could," Rempel said.

"I talked a little bit about our split room design, one of the advantages we thought of later, which has actually helped seal the deal for some of these small communities, is that if the hotel opportunity ends up not working out. Let's say seven years from now we're just not making a return, with very little renovation you can turn that into assisted living.

"The split design works really good for that. That 30 room model could be turned into assisted living very easily. That's our Plan B in a lot of these communities, and is one of the things that pushes the investors over the edge to say, 'okay I feel more comfortable investing \$100,000 or \$200,000 because I know there's a back up plan, if the hotel should not work out.'"

At the end of the presentation, Rempel welcomed local business owners or people at the meeting who had any questions about building a new hotel or mixed facility in Moosomin, to reach out to him.

## Pre-trial conference set for Don Bleau

A pre-trial Conference for Don Bleau is set for March 31 in Yorkton Court of King's Bench.

44-year-old Bleau faces multiple charges, including Attempted Murder, and following his Preliminary Hearing in February, he was committed to stand trial.

In September of 2021, Moosomin RCMP received numerous complaints about a man driving a truck in a dangerous manner in Moosomin.

When officers spotted the suspect, it's alleged he pointed a crossbow in their direction, and then fired it toward another person, and struck a wall and a dog. Bleau was charged with:

- Bleau was charged with:
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# Women on the Go Tours happy to visit Moosomin

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

On March 18, Women on the Go Tours spent the day shopping in Moosomin. The group visited local stores such as Kari's Kloset, Prairie Girl Gallery & Gift Boutique, Urban Market and other stores during their visit, where they spent a total of \$10,120 within the community.

"Our ladies had a great day on Saturday," said Kim Coleman organizer of Women on the Go Tours.

"They were surprised by how welcoming everyone was to them. They had a great day. The weather was awesome, the shopping was fabulous. Kari's (Kloset) is out of this world."

Based on the group's experience in town, Coleman shared a few comments about what the women had to say about their visit to Moosomin.

"With some of the comments I had from the ladies, they said the food at Witch's Brew was great, that Billy at the Red Barn treated us awesome, and the food was good," said Coleman.

"Really, everything all around was great. It was a great day. With all of the expenses, by the time we added the bus and all that stuff in, it was a good economic impact to the community and it's money spent within the province too. That's what we're all about is supporting our province."

The group of women started their day at West Wind Florist & Greenhouse and went to Witch's Brew for lunch, then parted ways to visit the different stores in town. At the end of the day, they all met at Red Barn for supper.

"There was 35 of us, at evening point there was one of my ladies at a store somewhere," Coleman said laughing.

"I gave the ladies a whole list of all of the businesses in Moosomin. They had the whole list so once we were finished our lunch they were all on their own. Most of them would've hit almost all of those stores, if not, at least some of them."

"The highlights of the day for sure were Kari's Kloset, McPhail Travel & Boutique's big haul sale over at the Mason hall. That was a highlight for some of my ladies. For some of the younger girls they really liked Haven Clothing."

"The Home Decor Store was good, they kind of wished they would've stayed open a little later. Some of the ladies didn't get to spend as much time in there as they wanted to."

"Eli's gallery is beautiful. They loved the artwork and stuff in there at Prairie Girl Gallery & Gift Boutique. We hit it all. Dayna at West Wind Florist was great too. It was a good way to start our day."

The group has been visiting two to three different communities every year since 2013, with the exception of the pandemic.

"We were in Moosomin pre-Covid. We were there in either 2018 or 2019," said Coleman.

"I follow Kari's (Kloset) and McPhail's on Facebook, and Kari's always has such good sales on that it just seemed like we needed a good spring trip, and Moosomin was where I decided to go."

Coleman was asked if there was anything in particular about Moosomin that made it a memorable visit.

"For me, it was how friendly everyone is," she said. "I come from a small town and I just love the way they treat you when you come into their stores, like you actually matter."

Depending on what there is to do in the area determines which communities Women on the Go Tours visit, said Coleman.

"I look at what there is to do in the town, can I spend a whole day there? What kind of activities there are to do in the town? I

**Right:** Women on the Go Tours took a day trip to Moosomin on March 18, where they spent about \$10,120 at local stores and restaurants in town.

do try to split it up a bit," she said.

"I plan on doing a Manitow trip in the next month or so. There's a bit of touring and museum stuff there to do. It's sort of we put a star on the map and see what stuff there is to do in town."

Coleman said Women on the Go Tours' main goal is to experience what the different areas in southern Saskatchewan have to offer.

"Most of the ladies are out of Regina, we did have a couple people from Balgonie area, but most were from Regina and area," she said.

"The main purpose of the group is solely for women on the go out and about in Saskatchewan. There's lots of ladies that don't want to drive or are single and don't want to drive just to Moosomin."

"It's too far to go there all on their own. This is a good way to socialize, and it's a good way to get out and have some good laughs. Just a fun day for ladies."

Coleman said they are looking forward to their future trips.

"There's lots of places in Saskatchewan to go to," she said.

"We do tend to stay in southern Saskatchewan just because of drive time. I'm looking at visiting Moose Jaw, we'd like to get to Weyburn. We always do a big shopping trip to Carlyle in the fall, and we go on a Dickens' Festival tour."

"We're quite busy, but we do strictly stay in Saskatchewan and for most part, our trips are for ladies who just want to go out for the day."

## Tour group thanks Moosomin Chamber of Commerce

After their visit to town, Coleman sent a letter to the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce thanking them for how welcoming the community was during their tour.

"Hello, just a quick note to thank you so much from being such gratuitous hosts to my group on Saturday."

My ladies had an amazing time in your town and were amazed at how welcoming you all were to them.

I had each guest fill out feedback sheets and I asked a very snooty question—approximately how much did you spend?

So with our spend in your community, the bus and meals our spend was approximately = 10,120.00

Here are some of the comments on their favorite part of the day,

"Lunch and supper were the best I have had in a long time"

"Wow what a sale McPhail's had at the hall --bonused out"

"Kari is the best we had such a good time with her and her staff- they are the best at what they do-and great clothes and shoes we love her"

"Urban Market has great fun stuff"

Thank you Darcy for letting us park the bus in your lot. It was a great location and easy for our guests.

With all that being said I can definitely say that we will be back and look forward to working with you all again."





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Around 70 people from the community came out on March 22, to hear community builder and internationally known speaker Doug Griffiths speak about collaboration, co-operation, and the future of communities, at the Moosomin Conexus Convention Centre last Wednesday evening.

## Community builder Doug Griffiths speaks about regional collaboration in Moosomin

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

Last Wednesday at the MCC Centre in Moosomin, best-selling author of 13 Ways to Kill your Community Doug Griffiths, gave an engaging and enriching presentation on how communities can improve their economic growth by collaborating with their neighboring communities.

A few years ago, Griffiths came to Moosomin to give a presentation based on his book. This year his presentation—I've seen the enemy and it's my mom—focused on collaboration, co-operation, and the future of communities.

He said in an interview following the presentation that the response he received from the community was positive.

"(People were) talkative. People were louder than I remember, but I also think that's because of post-pandemic," said Griffiths.

"We're much more desperate to talk to each other so that was good.

"There was a lot of laughs and a lot of positivity. A lot of people were nodding, smiling, and laughing.

"I've talked in communities before where you can tell they are holding themselves back because there's still a lot of arms crossed. There's sort of the 'hmm he's talking about me,' but I didn't get a sense from a single person here that looked like that. It was good."

During his presentation, Griffiths mentioned that people from communities he has visited recently, have pointed out how well Moosomin is doing in terms of growth.

"I have talked to a lot of communities in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, all the way to the Ontario border and all the way to the Alberta border," he said.

"And, probably north towards Saskatoon, of course the further you get the less common it is, but it's surprising how many people I've heard say, 'look what's going on in Moosomin, look at what they're doing there,' which is why every time I come through I drive through to see if I can catch something.

"I'm going to admit, I don't see a lot that's different. Maybe the recreation stuff and the MCC facility, but I don't see a lot difference which tells me it's the people that they're talking about. Because there's obviously a different message going out, and that's part of the external marketing and branding I talked about.

"If people are being positive and exciting, that could be really infectious."

"If you go east into Manitoba, when I interviewed people in a community there when we were working there and having a discussion about their future, there were so many people who said 'why can't we be like Moosomin? Look what's going on in Moosomin.'"

"They have a lot of stuff on the highway, I think it was more about the can-do attitude more than the stuff that's actually taking place. And I hear that a lot, so that bodes well."

### Positive attitude goes a long way, says Griffiths

Griffiths was asked what he thinks makes that difference for Moosomin to

stand out.

"A few people in the community," he said.

"You put 100 people in a room and if the first ones negative it can be infectious. It comes down to just a few people.

"When I was in politics on my first day in caucus someone said you'll know who to listen to, and you'll figure it out right away.

"I watched, someone would put up their hand and it would be their turn to talk and half of the room would go get coffee, but for someone else it would be their turn to talk and everyone would sit down, the room was dead quiet.

"If you have the right people who are talking who are positive, it becomes infectious and it changes the culture.

"It's why one of the new books I'm working on is about the 13 neuroses of communities.

"Consultants go in and do a strategic plan and then nothing happens. If you do that to a person and say you just need to go to university and get a job, get a house and everything will be great, but if they're suffering from depression what good is telling them to do that?"

"You treat the depression, you treat the anxiety, you treat the addiction, you treat the neuroses or the trauma response they have, then they can move forward. And, communities suffer, they get depressed, they're addicted to one resource. Alberta is the perfect example.

"If you work with someone who's got an addiction and you try to get them off of it, they'll be sitting there saying, 'just give me one more hit. One more hit and I'll be fine and get through this.' But, you know if you give them one more hit, it all starts over. Well we had bumper stickers in Alberta that said give me one more boom, nothing says addiction like our bumper stickers.

"If you don't treat a community for that, then that negativity stays and that could be the difference between communities.

"I would say whatever's happening in Moosomin, people are buying in with the excitement and the energy, and it's from some key leadership."

### Griffiths says newspapers are vital

Griffiths mentioned having a community newspaper is essential for community collaboration as well.

"Newspapers, newspapers are so important. I wrote a column with Graham Thomson about it, he's a newspaper reporter in Alberta," he said.

"People always ask me what's the number one sign that a community won't bounce back and it's they lose their newspaper. That's the number one indication.

"And, during the pandemic smaller newspapers had a blossoming because CTV and CBC, nobody told you what the pandemic was doing to your community, but your community newspaper did.

"It's the one that tells your story and celebrates, and I've seen negative newspapers tear a community apart, and positive ones lift it up from the ashes."

Throughout his career, Griffiths was an Alberta MLA, the minister of municipal

affairs, and a junior high school teacher. After retiring from politics in 2015, he decided to pursue his career in consulting and focus on helping smaller communities grow, and work together with neighboring communities.

Based on his visit to town and speaking with people from the community, Griffiths shared what he thinks Moosomin can be doing better to work with surrounding communities.

"I would need to know more details, but the first thing I would say, this is a guess, but Moosomin is surrounded by smaller communities. It's sort of the hub or the bigger centre," he said.

"One of the challenges with the smaller communities is that they won't see their role, and how they play their role in it. Instead of talking about economic development, there needs to be identifying of what makes each of those other communities unique. Where they're going to grow,

where their opportunity is, and how.

"Otherwise, the impression can be 'this is about Moosomin and I'm just supposed to keep being a feeder place.' No, we're all going to be stronger together, but that means you need to go out and say how 'this is your role, this is how you're going to be stronger, this is how you're going to be better, this is how you're going to attract new people, and we're all going to do this together.'"

"It's what helps foster deeper relationships because then if you lead people saying, 'what's in it for me and how am I going to grow?' They'll know the collaboration is important, but they won't put their heart into it.

"But, if they know as Moosomin grows I can grow too, and I'm going to grow because I'm going to be unique and creative, then you get more buy in."

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# All it takes is positivity and collaboration for growth

I was so amazed and impressed to hear Doug Griffiths' presentation last Wednesday in Moosomin.

As someone who is still fairly new to the community, hearing what Griffiths had to say about Moosomin from the outside in is exactly how I describe the community to people who have no idea how great everyone's attitude is here.

That everyone who lives here is so positive. That everyone here is so friendly and supportive of one another.

That everyone in Moosomin is on the same page about helping one another, which is the reason why projects are completed faster because people are working together to make it happen, and because it benefits everyone in the community as a whole.

Aside from Griffiths acknowledging how people in the community have a great attitude for working together collectively, it was also refreshing to hear his thoughts about how the world is evolving and that in order for small communities to grow, they need to adapt to what's coming or they become irrelevant and get left behind.

(Those weren't his exact words, but at least that is how I interpreted it).

During his presentation, he touched on the point of people who want to see their communities grow and flourish, but who are also comfortable in their ways. People who fear change, people who like to say nope and stick to how things have always been done, and so on.

As Griffiths pointed out, rapid revolutions in our values, culture and society continue to happen, which also means getting things done a certain way will continue to shift as well.

He mentions how the pandemic was a great example of that and how its affect on communities were in fact for the better, because it pushed people to adapt to what is being valued now. To what the next and upcoming generations are used to, and have been exposed to.

He phrased it best stating that these changes—things happening more virtually, less 9 to 5 jobs and more remote jobs, etc.—were already slowly coming to surface, but were fast tracked when people were forced to adapt to them because of the pandemic.

Griffiths also mentioned diversity and inclusion at his presentation. About how if communities want to attract more and new people—which will increase a community's population and bring more revenue for their area—they have to adapt and include what younger generations are interested in now.

That organizing town events through an online approach will reach a larger demographic than it normally



Sierra D'Souza Butts

would if done in person. That adding a Mexican restaurant or a pub in town will attract younger and new people into the community, leading them to want to move there. Whatever it is, having a space that meets the needs of different people will result in attracting more people, and will continue to keep that community alive for years, possibly decades, down the road.

I found of all the aspects Griffiths spoke on were so intriguing, and how the growth of smaller communities very much rely and intertwine with the values of the next generation, and yet, how it can all be done simply through regional collaboration.

He shared various stories of smaller communities working against each other which resulted in neither community being on the winning end of the stick.

That was certainly my favourite part about his presentation, were the stories he told about how powerful

people are when they work together as a group versus as an individual.

It mirrors what I've been seeing in Moosomin since the moment I came here.

One example (of many) to how Moosomin and surrounding communities worked together to bring a project forward would be the airport. After a few years of raising money, putting on local fundraisers and being persistent, the Government of Saskatchewan finally donated to the RM of Moosomin's airport after seeing the community and area work so hard to get it.

The highways minister even told the community the reason for their \$1.3 million contribution was because of the community involvement he saw being put towards the project.

It is great to see a community such as Moosomin being on the right path for economic growth which truly stems from people genuinely caring about one another here, and wanting to work together to make it a better place to live for the people here now, and future generations.

Originally from Toronto, Sierra D'Souza Butts is a reporter with the World-Spectator.

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## Esterhazy town council:

# New RCMP Sgt. Meagan Stringfellow meets council

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

At last week's Esterhazy town council meeting, council met with the Esterhazy Detachment's new RCMP Sergeant Meagan Stringfellow.

Aside from wanting to formally meet the town council, Sgt. Stringfellow told council she is visiting all of the communities in the detachment to help get feedback for creating the area's action plan for the year.

"I came from Kamsack, I was there for five years before I came here," said Stringfellow.

"Jeff is there now, we essentially switched positions. That allowed us to stay living in Langenburg so we didn't have to move.

"Essentially in my last two weeks here I've been going around to meet some of the RMs and towns, to try and learn the area a little bit.

"The biggest part right now is sending out our Detachment Action Plan (DAP), and to do that we need to meet with all of our stakeholders, all of our communities, RMs, and see what everyone's priority is. To see where everyone stands so we can work together to try and come up with a Detachment Action Plan."

Stringfellow reviewed the stats of patrol numbers for Esterhazy from the previous fiscal year at the meeting, and discussed the potential priorities going forward for the year.

Council told Stringfellow they would like to see more police presence in the community, especially during the summer season. They also welcomed her to the community, and were happy to meet her in-person.

### Motion passed to help cover wages for library employees

At the meeting, Sarah Slotsve of the Parkland Regional Library Board gave council an overview of the request for additional funding from the town that would be used towards staffing, as well as an overview of operations and programming at the Esterhazy Branch Library.

"I think our numbers really speak to how valuable we are to the community. We really see a lot of people in there from all age groups," said Slotsve.

"The library is a vital resource. It is the only place you don't have to pay to be inside, and it's the only place you don't have to pay to use internet.

The world is at your fingertips there and I think that's so valuable.

"I really appreciate, all of us at the library, really appreciate the support we've got from the town so far."

The town has been responsible for covering the library's maintenance and utility bills, due to the town owning the Esterhazy Branch Library building. The town has also covered a portion of the wages for the staff as well for a number of years.

Council passed a motion to sign an agreement with the Parkland Regional Library that states the town will cover the additional wage top up for local library staff, to the amount of \$2 per hour for the 2023 year.

### Shortage of applications for summer staff

Recreation Director Garth Forster told council that they have received fewer resumes than expected for summer staff positions, including lifeguards for the town's pool.

"We have to make sure we get that going because I would hate to see the pool suffer this year because it's the one thing that kids in this town use more than anything," said councillor Randy Bot at Tuesday's meeting.

Forster said he believes the shortage of applications sent in is due to the lack of people.

"It's not just us, I believe there's a lack of people," said Forster.

"Churchbridge has reposted their lifeguard advertisement, as well, Moosomin is still looking for people."

Forster said he will continue to reach out and contact other recreation directors to see if they have any additional lifeguards.

### Request for additional handi-cap spot on Main Street

Council received a request from a resident in town asking if an additional handi-cap parking spot could be made available in front of the Tim Horton's located on Main Street.

Council discussed that because there are already six handi-cap spots along Main Street, that moving one of the spots over to a more central area would be beneficial.

Council tabled it for their next meeting and will have more details on what the process will be for moving forward.

### Ice plant shut down for the season

Community Development and Recreation Director Garth Forster informed council that the town's ice plant will be shutting down this week, and the town's indoor arena will be closed for the season.

Forster also mentioned that the new chairs for the senior section in the arena arrived, and the town will be installing them during the arena's closure.

### Contacted federal government for census review

CAO Mike Thorley gave council an update on the town's request for having Statistics Canada review the 2021 census for the Town of Esterhazy, as they believe the numbers reported in the census did not accurately represent their current population.

"I attended an online 2021 census review. I brought up the idea of how we get numbers changed and so forth," Thorley told council.

"From there we just learned how the census is used, how it is done, how it's workable, but from there I contacted our federal representative again, to ask where we are at with our review. I have not received a response yet."

Thorley said he will continue to follow up with a representative from Statistics Canada.

# Moosomin council discusses search and rescue

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Procedures for search and rescue in the case of missing persons was up for discussion at the Moosomin town council meeting last week.

Councillors Garry Towler and Greg Nosterud brought up the issue, suggesting that there should be a local solution in which RCMP work directly with local volunteers without going through the provincial level, in order to get searches going more quickly.

There were two local searches recently. In one case, an individual left the Southeast Integrated Care Centre wearing a hospital gown, and was deceased by the time she was found. In the other case an individual went missing and was found.

Towler said he has had discussions with the RCMP about the issue, as the RCMP generally receive the first official report of a missing person.

Mayor Larry Tomlinson pointed out that in the Emergency Measures Organization plan, Greg Nosterud and Rob Hanson are the two qualified search leaders who should be notified in case a search is needed.

"Everything is there in the EMO plan, but not everyone knows what's in there," Tomlinson said.

"We need to meet with the RCMP and ensure that we're

all on the same page."

### Parking at schools

Town council met with Southeast Cornerstone School Division trustee Devona Putland at the last meeting to discuss parking and drop-off spots around the school.

Councillor Kyla Fingas had raised the issues at a previous council meeting, and council decided to meet with

Putland to seek a solution.

Putland brought a proposal to extend drop-off locations to the perimeter of the school property and have no parking on the side of the street.

Councillors discussed the proposal with Putland, and decided to have town foreman Mike Stein take a look at the streets around the school along with Putland and come up with potential signage changes.




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Cheryl Barrett  
 Assessor

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Officials at the 2023-24 Provincial Budget Release that announced funding for Esterhazy's new healthcare facility.

**From left:** Melville-Saltcoats MLA Warren Kaeding, Esterhazy Economic Development Director Tammy Macdonald, Don Hood with St. Anthony's Hospital Foundation, Don Bernath with St. Anthony's Hospital Foundation, Esterhazy Mayor Grant Forster, and Saskatchewan Health Minister Everett Hindley.

## Sask budget includes new healthcare facility for Esterhazy

BY SHAYNA ZUBKO  
The provincial government released their annual budget on Wednesday, March 22 which included money for a new healthcare facility for the Town of Esterhazy.

The government of Saskatchewan has officially dedicated \$250,000 in this budget for the project plan of a new integrated healthcare facility in the Town of Esterhazy.

This would include combining the hos-

pital and care home. The planning process will work to solve some unknowns, such as doctor's offices and location for the facility.

The planning phase will allow the town, hospital foundation, doctors, hospital staff, and healthcare officials to work together to determine the needs of the community and have those reflected in the design.

Esterhazy Economic Development Director, Tammy Macdonald said "We are

looking forward to next steps, working together as investments by the provincial government in our healthcare facilities and investments in our community."

The process of getting a new healthcare facility for the community has been ongoing for some time.

Last June, ministry officials visited Esterhazy and toured the town and hospital. They were able to meet with members of the hospital foundation, members from the community, doctors and hospital staff.

This highlighted the healthcare needs of the community.

Through this meeting, Minister Merriman and Minister Hindley shared that they were able to recognize the needs of the community of Esterhazy and this helped to push the budget forward to allow for the planning phase to progress.

"We are excited the government is committed to a healthcare facility for Esterhazy and surrounding communities," said Mayor of Esterhazy Grant Forster.



From left are Shayna Zubko, Leahanne Pangracs, Taryn Rushinko, Cassidy Hudacek, Darien Mickle, and Melville-Saltcoats MLA Warren Kaeding at the Legislature on budget day last week.



From left are Taryn Rushinko, Darien Mickle, Cassidy Hudacek, Leahanne Pangracs, and Shayna Zubko at the Legislature during budget day.

## Esterhazy students attend budget day

BY SHAYNA ZUBKO  
An invitation was extended to four students from Esterhazy High School to attend the budget release day held by the Saskatchewan government.

The annual budget announcement is a tremendous learning opportunity for students to observe routine proceedings in the chambers as well as being able to see where the province allocates funds for the year.

Grade 12 students from Esterhazy High were able

to view routine proceedings, question period, listen to the budget announcement, response by the opposition, meet with their local MLA Warren Kaeding, and had the privilege of meeting with Education Minister Dustin Duncan.

For some students, it was their first time attending their legislature, and being able to observe government in action.

Seeing the Legislative building was a special oppor-

tunity, one that all residents should take advantage of.

Grade 12 student, Taryn Rushinko said, "It was great to experience budget day and hear about things that apply to us in Esterhazy," referring to the announcement that plans will be moving forward for a new healthcare facility in Esterhazy.

She also said, "It was an honour to meet someone who represents our area, it made going to budget day more meaningful."

## Community builder Doug Griffiths speaks about regional collaboration in Moosomin

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"Then the relationships continue to evolve because instead of saying we need to collaborate for success, it's like 'okay, what are we doing next?' They might even lead some of the initiatives instead of being told why they need to be pulled in," said Griffiths.

"My experience is that most regions even collaborat-

ing well, haven't told or sold to the smaller ones of what makes them stand out, so that they know how they're going to be prosperous. My guess is that it always needs to be redone over and over again."

Griffiths spoke about what he hopes people take away from his presentation's like the one in Moosomin on March 22.

"That there's a pathway to success," he said.

"That everything they heard tells them I'm not buying into this, it won't work, this won't happen, this can't be done.

"It can be done, but we need to own it, and that's what I hope everyone walks away with."

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## Federal policies actively discourage mineral development

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau recently visited the Saskatchewan Research Council's experimental rare earth refining facility in Saskatoon to tout his government's efforts to promote rare earth discovery, development, and extraction, along with the refining advances SRC has achieved.

He and his ministers have been 'talking up' this critical mineral drive for quite a while, but their efforts have shown little success thus far—for reasons they would rather not discuss.

Federal Natural Resources Minister Jonathan Wilkinson admitted that permitting, review, approval and development time for new mines nearly always takes at least 10 years and could easily extend to 20 or 25.

Furthermore, Ottawa's proposed changes for more scrutiny of foreign involvement in proposed mines mean more delays and uncertainties, with projects potentially blocked.

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues and scoring, designed to discourage investment in conventional energies like oil, gas and coal, also complicate the decision-making processes for industry and government.

The so-called sustainability 'green transition' further involves meeting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) criteria.

As well, consultation with local communities, including First Nations reserves and 'traditional lands' stakeholders, pile on to the myriad geological commodity price and technical risks involved.

Protests, community or political opposition, and blockades involving sabotage and violent intimidation have bedevilled the construction of both the Coastal Gaslink pipeline and the TransMountain Pipeline expansion.

The proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway oil pipeline to the Pacific Coast and Line 3 and Energy East proposed pipelines were 'killed' by political opposition—the latter largely from Quebec.

Such actions give little reason for either confidence or trust in governmental approval processes—for mining as well as energy projects.

Mining exploration firms first seek to establish a Mineral Resource Estimate using drilling results and some ore body modelling.

Then, assuming receipt of enough funds from speculative investors, they drill further—to create an industry-standard Preliminary Economic Assessment.

More drilling, time and cash follow to accumulate more data and refine the ore body model to create a Bankable Feasibility Study.

If cash flow projections seem attractive, institutional and corporate investors may jump in. Yet regulatory delays and uncertainties can compound the inherent risks involved. The more delays in a project's start time, the lower its net present value.

Canada's regulatory apparatus, ethos and behaviour do not exist in a vacuum.

Canadian mining companies and investors may choose to invest abroad in a more business-friendly environment, usually after giving up on plausibly lucrative domestic opportunities.

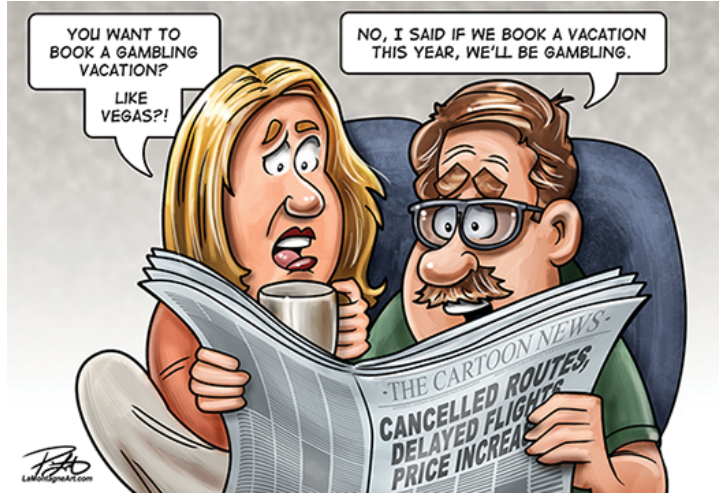
Foreign investors will also shy away from investing in Canada to avoid a protracted regulatory process that can bring the risk of a lower potential value (or no project approval at all).

The United States is not much better than Canada in these respects, but Australia and, surprisingly, Scandinavian nations are much better.

Bottom line? Government policy in Canada actively and aggressively discourages mining and critical minerals development. For Canada's rare earth sector to prosper, our politicians need to just get out of the way.

*Ian Madsen is senior policy analyst at the Frontier Centre for Public Policy*

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## Another indicator pointing to the bright future for the area

Last week we ran an interview with a young man who grew up near Montreal and who is going to university in eastern Canada, who came up with a list of the Top Five Places to Live in Saskatchewan.

Moosomin made the list, as did Estevan and Weyburn, so three of the top five communities in Saskatchewan from a standard of living perspective are in southeast Saskatchewan.

The list was partly based on his own experience—he came to Saskatchewan and stayed in Moosomin as he had a college roommate from Saskatchewan—and partly it's based on statistics. He found communities with low crime rates, high average incomes and reasonable house prices in southeast Saskatchewan, so it's not surprising that three of his top five communities were in southeast Saskatchewan (plus he liked the Red Barn).

His analysis seemed to show there was something different about southeast Saskatchewan that set it apart from the rest of the province.

When I first looked at Saskatchewan's 2023 budget I again got the sense that there's something different about Southeast Saskatchewan.

Take a look at the map at the top of page 14 showing infrastructure investments in the 2023 budget. Moosomin is mentioned in the budget with the province's further \$1.3 million investment in the airport, Esterhazy is mentioned with the start of planning for the new integrated Health Centre, Grenfell is getting \$10 million for its new nursing home, Carlyle is getting a new school... when I look at the map, I see all of the capital investment in southern Saskatchewan, apart from a water project at Lake Diefenbaker, is in the southeast.

Wilcox, Balbonie, Weyburn, Estevan, Carlyle, Genfoll, Esterhazy, Yorkton all show up on the map. Swift Current, Assiniboia, Maple Creek, Kindersley, Outlook, Shaunavon, etc. do not.

The map reminds me of a map SaskPower drew for a few community leaders many years ago, explaining the need for the Red Lily Wind Farm and the gas Northland Power plant in the Spy-Hill-Tan-tallon area.

The SaskPower folks (and if I have a bias in terms of Saskatchewan Crown Corporations, I would say that SaskPower is always thinking ten years ahead while SaskTel is catching up for the last ten years) had a map of Saskatchewan and drew out where they thought the three major demands for future power would come from.

The first circle showed the southeast Saskatchewan oilpatch.

The second circle showed the Saskatchewan potash mining region, which overlapped the oil industry right in the Moosomin region.

The third thing added to the map was the pipeline corridor within which the TC Energy and Enbridge pipelines run. It overlapped the other two right here



Kevin Weedmark

in the Moosomin region.

SaskPower's point was that our little corner of the province was where they saw a lot of the future growth.

The other thing the map reminds me of is the area where a major company came in a few years back to buy up newspapers.

They had a very specific area they focused on where they thought there would be growth, and they bought papers in Yorkton, Weyburn, Estevan, Carlyle, over in Virden, Manitoba and tried very hard to buy the paper you are reading, without success. They even bought papers in Kipling and Redvers, only to shut them down within a few years. Large corporations don't always do things logically.

Anyway, my point is that this area seems to have a bright future, and the map on page 14 showing where capital investment from the province is going right now is a good indicator of that.

### The future of newspapers

It was great to hear Doug Griffiths' presentation in Moosomin last week, and I was surprised when we interviewed him afterwards how much emphasis he put on the importance of newspapers.

"People always ask me what's the number one sign that a community won't bounce back, and it's they lose their newspaper," he said. "That's the number one indicator... I've seen negative newspapers tear a community apart."

I've been doing a lot of interviews on the future of newspapers lately because some people see our little newspaper as showing the way forward.

And I always speak about our approach to the business, which is that newspapers are a community service first, and a business second. We have focused our efforts on serving our community to the best of our ability, rather than focusing on the bottom line. We have found that when the readers follow, the advertisers follow (this week's paper is 80 pages, eight pages larger than last year). So when we focus on the editorial side, the business side falls into place.

The corporate approach, to focus on the bottom line and cutting on the service side, does not seem to work in our industry. More and more people are asking about our approach, and if Doug Griffiths is right about how important newspapers are, I hope it works for them!



# Plans for building a new basketball court in Moosomin

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

At the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting last Tuesday, Jeff Skulmoski and Leo Ilustrisimo spoke about their plans for building a new outdoor full-size basketball court near the town's pool.

"We're building a new outdoor basketball court in the community," said Skulmoski.

"The court that we do have now is too small. The surface is breaking apart, the back boards are small, the rims are bent. We just need a new one."

The plan for the new court is to have an asphalt pad with a rubber coating on top.

The court will also be called Terry Lynd Court to honor Terry Lynd who had a big impact on basketball in Moosomin.

The estimated cost to build the entire project is projected to be \$110,000. So far, Skulmoski has donated \$10,000, and Ilustrisimo and the Filipino community have donated \$10,000.

Skulmoski informed members how the idea for building a new court in town started.

"Leo and I ran into each other one night. I guess it was my first night playing basketball again in 20 years," he said laughing. "We got to chatting, and Leo told me his plan. I said I was thinking about it myself for a few years now."

"We decided to get together and go at it. This new court that we're planning is going to be at Kin-Park beside the Moosomin pool."

Skulmoski said they are currently coming up with ideas on how to fundraise for the court, and encourage anyone to share any ideas they might have.

"Right now we have 20 per cent of the project committed already," he said.

"The project is going to be around \$110,000 to \$120,000, somewhere around there. We haven't really started our fundraising process yet."

"One thing that is important to us is to name this court after Terry Lynd. He's done a lot for our community and for our high school sports."



Jeff Skulmoski and Leo Ilustrisimo told members at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting last Tuesday, that they have started actively fundraising for building a new full-size outdoor basketball court in town.



The Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting was held at the Canalta Hotel. The next meeting will be happening Tuesday, April 25.

"To me it's very important that we name it after him. I just know how I feel after hauling four kids around for hockey season for one winter, and I can't imagine him doing that for eight months of the year."

Everyone has been supportive of the idea for building a new court, said Skulmoski.

"Leo and I spoke with the Kinsmen and the Kinettes, they both sound quite interested in helping us with this project," he said.

"I think the people we have talked to around the community so far about helping out with the fundraising are very committed in helping us out with this."

## Details for building new basketball court

Ilustrisimo spoke about what exactly will be included for the new basketball court.

"For now the plan is to have two 10 feet basketball hoops. As well to have two nets that are eight feet high for smaller kids to play," he said.

"It's not only going to be a basketball court, it's going to be a multi-purpose outdoor court too for volleyball, pickleball or anything."

Skulmoski explained how they plan on structuring the court so that it is weather dependent throughout the year.

"The court isn't just black top, it's going to have a black top surface underneath with a rubber playing surface over top with proper lines," Skulmoski said.

"It's going to be a very nice court. They build some of these courts around the area, the closest one is in Milestone. It's been holding up. The actual surface is made so you can have an outdoor rink over top in the winter if you choose. I don't think we have any plans for that, but the surface is quite hardy."

Ilustrisimo informed Chamber members that any one who is interested in donating can make a payment out to the Town of Moosomin, and they will receive a tax receipt.



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# Hindley says incentive will help recruit docs

Saskatchewan is increasing the amount available under the Rural Physician Incentive Program (RPIP) to help attract and retain more family physicians to rural and northern communities. The total incentive is now up to \$200,000 over five years, more than four times the amount that was previously offered.

To incentivize retention, the length of the program is increasing from four years to five years. Eligibility for the incentive is also expanding beyond new graduates and will now include physicians practicing in rural and northern communities who have been assessed through the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment Program (SIPPA).

The Rural Physician Incentive Program first launched in 2013-14 to incentivize recent graduates to take up practice in rural and northern communities across the province.

Kevin Weedmark and Sierra D'Souza Butts spoke with Rural and Remote Health Minister Everett Hindley about the change. Following is the full interview.

## How did this change come about?

The program right now has a maximum benefit of \$47,000 over four years. The new program, which will take effect on April 1, was announced by the premier at the 2023 SARM Convention. It is now over five years and up to \$200,000.

How we got to that is, the Minister Paul Merriman and myself were working on this file and touring and meeting with a number of communities including in your area there, within your readership area, talking to individuals and hearing about some of what we have currently in place for programs and incentives within healthcare.

Of course some of this we announced as part of this four-point action plan back in September. On this particular point we were talking to officials about taking the time to have another look at this. It's been around for a decade and there's been a lot of change in that period of time and it's time to make some tweaks to that program to make it a bit more attractive.

Of course it's very competitive right across the country right now for all kinds of health care providers, including doctors, and after some discussions with officials we've landed on \$200,000, which is a significant amount. I think we're funding it at this stage of the game under the new program somewhere around \$1.2 million dollars annually and we'll keep an eye on it closely to see how much uptake there is on that, and whether or not we have to adjust that.

**Does this apply to any physician who moves to rural Saskatchewan? Or is it people coming into the province? If somebody moved from Saskatoon to Moosomin would they qualify for this—how does it work?**

The terminology around it is new to rural practice physicians so we've expanded that scope a bit and in addition to that, we're also expanding it beyond just new graduates which is what the current program is, which will change as of April 1.

So we're expanding it beyond new graduates to also now include physicians who are practicing in rural communities who are assessed through the SIPPA Program.

That was the other piece of news that came out here this week which was an update on the latest cohort of SIPPA graduate placements—coming from the September cohort of that particular program.

Fifteen more doctors practicing in fifteen rural communities, in your area they and in places like Esterhazy, Canora, Kamsack, Preeceville, and other communities across Saskatchewan. But this program also now has been expanded to include SIPPA doctors as well.

**How competitive is this with other provinces? What are some of the other provinces offering?**

Well I think as of the date of our announcement, we find it to be perhaps one of the most ambitious Rural Physician Incentive Programs in the country right now.

That being said, these things change all of the time and we are always keeping a very close eye on what other jurisdictions are doing. We're competitive about it, but knowing of course our neighbours in other provinces and territories, I've had a chance to meet them face to face. I was at



Everett Hindley

a First Ministers' Conference in Vancouver back in November and I talked to all of my colleagues there and they're facing similar situations, so we're competitive but still also working together in terms of healthcare across the country.

We feel that this one in collaboration with some of the other incentive programs for some of the other health care designations that we announced back in September is part of one of the most ambitious recruitment, incentive and retention programs in the country for health care workers.

**As your folks came up with the changes to this program, did you talk to the municipalities and see what local communities are offering and what's working and what's not?**

Yeah, we did and that's a great question, Kevin. I know that I had heard that between Minister Merriman and myself we visited 45 communities in the province since the summer.

I was as far north as the Black Lake Hospital in the extreme northern part of the province down into my neck of the province—Maple Creek and Shaunavon as an example.

There are a lot of communities that have local healthcare fundraising foundations. When I was touring I'd also meet with frontline workers and doctors but also with local municipal leaders as well.

There's a lot of communities that have a whole variety of different things that they're doing individually, whether it's gathering some money and putting it aside or whether it's a doctor or nurse incentive to try and top up some of the provincial incentives that are there already.

Some communities provide short-term housing options for folks that are coming into the community as well, either for locum doctors or for nurses and doctors that are moving to that community since they need a place to stay until they get themselves settled.

What I've said when I had the opportunity to meet with local representatives, we said this when we were meeting SARM and when we meet regularly with those folks, we want to hear what you have for ideas as well to kind of top up what we already have for provincial programs, and through the combination of those, I think it's a pretty attractive package that we have right now across Saskatchewan.

**Is this a long-term fix or is this just what you need to do to be competitive right now with so many places offering incentives?**

I'd say that it's part of the tools. I wouldn't say that it's the one single solution—none of these really are. I think that it's the whole package that we're looking at. It's things like the announcement earlier this winter about the 550 more training seats in Saskatchewan. It's the addition of more residency seats and some of the training opportunities that we have now that have expanded into your area of the province around doctors there coming out of school, training more doctors at home, expanding the post-graduate medical residency training sites.

It also includes medical residents now able to obtain licensing in multiple sites of the southeast part of the province including Moosomin.

The other thing that I think I would point out is the program and the enhancement that we announced this week is that the \$200,000 is spread out across five years and is back end loaded.

The largest amount of funding is in years four and five. So there's \$15,000 in the first year, \$15,000 in the second year, \$20,000 in the third year and \$75,000 in each of year four and five. The goal is that hopefully by the end of years four and five the physician has come to really enjoy that community and they've settled into that community.

Perhaps they've put some roots down, bought a house, have a family and kids in school and been involved in service clubs and activities.

We hear countless stories of that across this province and we're just trying to use this program to try and create more of those success stories in rural Saskatchewan.

**So when you looked around did you find that there were some communities that were very successful in keeping their doctors?**

Some communities have it stronger than others when it comes to that. The other thing that we have to keep in mind, that we're not forgetting about either, is that in our regular conversations that Minister Merriman and I have with the Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA), they of course are lobbying for a different type of pay model, and that's something that's being worked on by our officials in conjunction with them as we speak.

But there are communities that are stronger, and Moosomin is a great example with the very stable complement of doctors that they have there. There's other communities that have some challenges presented to them.

I can think of some smaller communities where they've had a doctor practicing for several decades, frankly, and often as the only doctor there that is approaching retirement or have retired leaving those communities in a bit of a challenging position.

So we have to take a look at a number

of things and there's different expectations these days for what physicians are looking for and what they need to establish a practice—much different I think than perhaps 50-60 years ago.

So we have to make sure that we're looking at all of that but I do think that there's another opportunity to look at other successful communities like Moosomin and say, "How can we replicate that?" Often what I do when I meet face-to-face with some of these communities that are facing some of these challenges, I'll give them examples of communities that have had success. I connect those two communities and say, "We should reach out" or "I can set up a phone call or meeting for you with this particular foundation in XYZ community and they can perhaps give you some ideas." I think by sharing ideas locally but also at the provincial level as well, it's best so we're all working together to try and achieve the same thing for all of our residents.

**What are the most important things for healthcare in Wednesday's budget?**

We obviously spend a lot of money on healthcare every year but we also try to keep a very close eye on where we're spending those dollars to make sure that they're spent effectively.

At the end of the day we're improving lives and providing the best possible care for people when it comes to health as close to home as possible and on a timely basis.

We're always trying to achieve that and we're trying to reduce surgical wait times and trying to expand and create more positions for healthcare workers—add more healthcare workers to the healthcare system.

There are some things in Wednesday's budget that will show some new steps and some new initiatives and I think will be well received—knowing of course that the work isn't done.

This is a very, very challenging area for provinces and territories right across this part of Canada or even right across this country and I believe even beyond our borders as well.

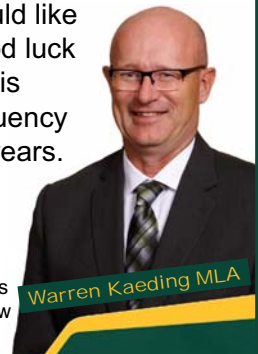


Rick McIntyre

Tim Ziola

MLA Warren Kaeding would like to wish Rick McIntyre good luck and best wishes on his retirement as his Constituency Assistant for the past 7 years.

Rick's last day is March 30th, 2023 and we will have coffee and cake from 1pm to 3pm in the Melville office on Main Street. Please join us in wishing him well and meet the new Constituency Assistant Tim Ziola.



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**Left:** Judi and Allan Johnston of Johnston's Grain. **Middle:** Bonnie Riffel owner of Hearing & Wellness by Porch Light. **Right:** Aaron Grandguillot of Skout Brewing Company.

# New businesses on the horizon in Moosomin

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS

At the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting on March 21, Allan Johnston of Johnston's Grain spoke about his plans for opening a facility for the business in Moosomin which will serve as a chemical warehouse, a distribution point, and an office space.

Johnston stated the new business in town will employ up to 10 people that will handle grain, chemical sales, and the logistic services that drives Johnston's Grain retail business.

"Thanks for inviting me to explain what we're doing here," Johnston said to members.

"We're coming to Moosomin because of everything that is happening here. New people are coming, this is the centre for just anything.

"I have a friend in Yorkton, but we're building a distribution point here for chemicals. We're big into that, we are expanding everywhere.

"We're up to 31 people for everyone in our company. Our head office is down in Calgary, and other offices in Maple Creek, Shaunavon, lots of different places. We have a guy working for us in Croatia. One of my partners, Joel Merkosky is in Mexico six months of the year. He works from there everyday."

Johnston said they are still in the planning stages for having a Johnston's Grain facility in Moosomin. The warehouse is expected to be 10,000 square feet, in addition to

the office space.

"It's a really a big growing company. Judi and I retired two and a half years ago and we work everyday," he said laughing.

"We're having fun and really looking forward to coming to Moosomin. There's lots of things happening in our company and it's good to finally get here.

"We'll be starting construction at the warehouse in spring. We'll probably have up to 10 people working here. Also, we service Swan River, Prince Albert, all of that area so there will be lots of people brought to Moosomin because of that."

At the meeting, Judi Johnston also shared how excited they are to be expanding their business in Moosomin.

"We're really happy to be having a distribution site and warehouse in Moosomin. It's just a beautiful location for us right on Highway 1," said Judi.

"There's a cardlock, a truck stop, a Tim Hortons, it's just a really good location and we were really pleased with the site we were able to access."

## New Hearing & Wellness business in town

The owner of Hearing & Wellness by Porch Light in Moosomin, Bonnie Riffel, informed Chamber members about her new business in town.

"I just opened a hearing centre here in Moosomin. It's open from Monday to Friday. What we operate is basically a small town pledge to the hearing side of listening" said Riffel.

Riffel has been open since fall 2022. She spoke about why she decided to open up her business in Moosomin.

"I grew up here and decided after living 20 years in the city that I was done with the city," she said smiling.

"And, I hear most of my patients say the same thing that they rather come to a small town than a big city, so I decided to open up a location between three major cities, and it also coming back home."

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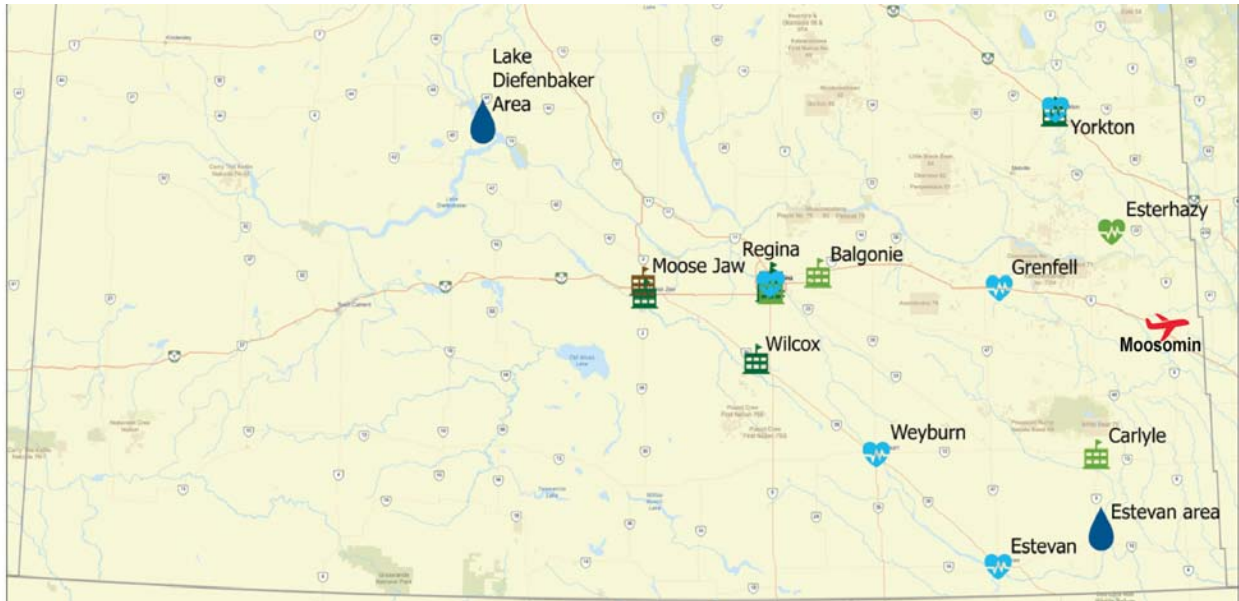
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Many of the capital investments contained in the 2023 Saskatchewan budget are in southeast Saskatchewan.

The map above shows all of the airport (stylized airplane), education (stylized schools), health care (stylized hearts), and water projects (water drops) in southern Saskatchewan, and most are in the southeast, including major health projects in Esterhazy, Grenfell, Weyburn, Estevan, and Yorkton. The province had already announced the \$1.3 million for Moosomin's Airport project which was mentioned in the 2023 budget.

The map at left shows highway projects in southeast Saskatchewan, including work on Highways 1, 8, 48, 9, and the Rocanville mine access road.

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# Hospital announcement a big day for Esterhazy mayor

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK  
Saskatchewan's provincial budget unveiled Tuesday includes \$250,000 for planning a new integrated health care facility for Esterhazy.

Esterhazy Mayor Grant Forster was invited by Saskatchewan Health Minister Everett Hindley to attend the budget at the Legislature that day.

Forster said it was welcome news.

"It was one of those days that you wait for, for a long time. It was nice to hear that announcement in person. It was the talk of the town," said Forster in an interview with the World-Spectator following the budget.

"We had faith it was at some point going to come. But after a while you sort of have to wonder. Knowing how these things work, the faith was always there. It was a little bit frustrating when you have to keep waiting and waiting and waiting, but the waiting paid off."

Forster says there were small hints that something might be coming Esterhazy's way this budget year.

"We started getting some hints that something was happening shortly after the first of the year," he says. "It was a lot of reading between the lines for us. Different things were happening. (Planning and Economic Development Director) Tammy (MacDonald) got calls about potential land that might be available, and it was a call from the government. And in a couple of discussions with Warren Kaeding, he would say that things are looking up—be positive."

"And then we got the invitation to attend the budget in person, and that's sort of when we put two and two together and said 'hey, we're in.' And as everything played out after that it just kept becoming more and more obvious."

"It was only within the last week that we had a pretty good idea it was coming. But the hints were there."

Forster was invited for a meeting with the health minister ahead of the budget announcement.

"Myself, Tammy, and Don Bernath from St. Anthony's Hospital Foundation met with Minister Hindley and Warren Kaeding in the morning just to tell us what was going to be in the budget. They didn't have a bunch of details because there weren't a whole lot of details made available in the press release other than to say there was going to be this money made available to be split between Esterhazy, Rosthern and North Battleford."

"We had that meeting with them, and then just co-incidentally Rosthern was in the meeting with Minister Hindley before us and we were sitting waiting for that meeting to wrap up, and the MLA for Rosthern is Scott Moe. So that was kind of neat. He comes walking out and gives us the nod and says 'good day for Esterhazy.' That felt pretty good too, that he recognized us in

that way.

"And then we had a couple of short sessions with Warren on different things, giving us some indication of what's coming down the pipe in the next few weeks in terms of how we need to proceed."

"And then we sat through the afternoon session in the Legislature, Tammy and myself. We got to listen to the speech firsthand. It was pretty neat. I have never been in that building before. And when they made the announcement about Esterhazy getting the money, I felt that little twinge of relief that we're finally in. Not that we didn't believe it wasn't happening from our meeting with Minister Hindley in the morning, but to hear it live in the Legislature was pretty special."

So what happens next?

"There are a number of things that go on from this point on," says Forster. "We have to set up a board locally to oversee the project locally, and that will be over and above the foundation. It will very likely include community members and elected officials and others, not just from the town, but from the municipalities surrounding us because they all have an interest in this as well. And then the government will come out, review the potential places for the hospital to go, and make a decision at some point in time as to where the location will be."

"And it will be shovels in the ground to get the land ready because we don't have any land available right at the moment that's serviced and ready for building. From the town side, that's going to become our number one priority to get ready for that. And once the government says we think this is



ESTERHAZY MAYOR GRANT FORSTER

where we want to go then we'll begin the process of getting the services put in and then just wait for them to come across with the money.

"While that's going on there will be consultations in terms of what we want to see in the new hospital. And by that I mean do we want to look for mental health services, for dialysis, do we want to have cancer treatments, and those sorts of things."

"Between this board and Sask Health and the other interested parties, we'll sit down and make that decision, and at that point they'll tell us how many beds we get, how many beds in the care home we're going to get, and what it's going to cost us, and then away we go."

We're hoping it's going to be bigger than what we have. But at this point we're just happy we're getting something. We wouldn't want to lose any beds, but that's a ways

down the road yet. That's probably going to be one of the last decisions made before the shovels go in the ground to start the construction."

Forster says he was given no indication of how long the project will take from start to finish, but based on similar projects in Saskatchewan, he's guessing three to four years.

Just by some of the other projects that have been announced in the last five to six years with Weyburn, and Grenfell's care home, and Yorkton, they're all taking in that three to four year range before they start

to see something happen," he says. "We're hoping we can expedite it by really concentrating our efforts and getting things done. It would be unrealistic to expect we'll get it started this year, I don't think that's possible, but if we could expedite it and get it going in 2024 that would be fantastic. But realistically I'm thinking we're 2025-26 before something will happen."

What does Forster think made the difference in finally getting the ball rolling on the project?

"We put in some really hard work with the government in the last six to eight months," he says. "We brought Minister Hindley to town along with members from the SHA. We gave them a tour of the area. They spent some time with Mosaic people and had a tour of Mosaic. And to see the level of activity that goes on out there and what potentially could happen in the way of needing health care out there, you could have a pretty major incident, and if you don't have a hospital that's capable of handling it, it could be life or death. We wanted to impress on the SHA that this is out here."

"We spent a lot of time with them. The Foundation did a presentation, we did a presentation, and we sold them on the area in terms of what we have, the demograph-

ics that don't necessarily show up in anything available through StatsCanada. The area is 10,000 people strong. When you draw a 60 kilometer radius around the town, we're serving 10,000 people. So we are a small city."

"We just did a lot of work to sell them on why we need a hospital and why they should be looking at us. We took the approach of do it nicely rather than scream and holler like some of the other communities have done, and we like to think that made a difference. We said 'this is why and when you're ready we're here to accept your money.'"

"I think part of it was a lot of hard work on the part of Warren Kaeding in the background, and our foundation. Don Hood has been instrumental in pushing this forward. Without his tireless efforts, I really don't know if we'd be where we are today."

"Just the last six to eight months has been huge on the part of those gentlemen and the community as well."

Forster says he hopes to be there when the ribbon for the new facility is cut.

"I'm counting the years out and thinking if I run one more term and get elected, that should at least put me at the ribbon cutting as mayor opening the new hospital," he says. "I'm definitely looking forward to that."

**Rural Municipality of Ellice - Archie**

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# VIEWPOINT

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Concerned about the security of childcare arrangements

Dear Editor:  
Below is a copy of a letter that I sent to Mr. Steven Bonk, MLA for Moosomin.

I am writing to express my concern and displeasure for the way in which the affordability priority under the ELCC Agreement has been administered for Saskatchewan.

We, and other families in our Moosomin community, are very concerned about the security of our childcare arrangements and, by extension, our ability to continue being in the workplace and supporting our families.

Please see the attached letter, where I further detail my concerns. It is my plea that you would escalate these concerns on behalf of our community and the beloved Play Fair Day Care facility.

Yours Sincerely,

Kyla Dietrich  
Civil Engineer, Working Mom, and Concerned Citizen  
Moosomin

### Parent Fee Reduction Grant \$10/day childcare

Dear Mr. Steven Bonk, MLA for Moosomin,  
I am writing to express my concern and displeasure for the way in which the affordability priority under the Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement has been administered in Saskatchewan. It is my request that the implementation of this agreement be revised to better reflect the needs and interests of the families in our Province.

As you know, Moosomin is a vibrant community with a diverse population and economy. Per the 2021 census, Moosomin and its immediately surrounding Rural Municipality (RM) is made up of over 3100 persons, of which approximately 800 are children. This does not include or accurately represent the greater radius from which neighbouring RMs contribute to our daily economy. We are a community that frequently boasts of our booming and growing economy, driven by resource development, entrepreneurs, and health care. This economy is made possible by the availability of safe childcare for working families.

Moosomin is a town I am proud to call home, and a community that I would love to raise my family in.

The latter, however, becomes increasingly difficult as the province meddles with the childcare arrangements and opportunities available to working families. When

the \$10 per Day Childcare goal was announced under the ELCC Agreement, families were promised "the flexibility and choice to build both a family and career," (Hon. D. Duncan), the target that "every family has access to high-quality, affordable, flexible and inclusive childcare," (Hon. K. Gould), and monthly savings when compared to previous years.

In my understanding, none of these promises are being met with the current plans coming into effect on April 1, 2023.

My husband farms (more than) full-time, and I am a civil engineer with a consulting firm where I average anywhere from 45-60 hours each week. We are blessed to have a three-year-old son who adores attending Play Fair Day Care Inc. in Moosomin. We are fortunate to farm with family, so our son only attends Play Fair half-time, as grandparent availability provides support. As a working mom, this gives me the reassurance that my son is safe, loved, and cared for as he learns about both the family farm and how to interact with peers. Were it not for the daycare, my "pandemic baby" would have little to no interaction with other preschool-aged children.

That is why I am devastated by the impending consequences of the ELCC Agreement. It is my understanding, per the news releases, Grant Information Sheet, and advisement of Play Fair, that:

- Scheduling will be limited, with full-time spots prioritized;
- Once a monthly schedule is submitted, the full day's pay will be required, whether the child attends or not;
- Whether attending 2 hours or 10 hours, a fee of \$10/day will be applied;
- When a child has been scheduled for 10 days in one month, a total of \$217.50 for the month will be charged.

Given our half-time arrangements, we have already been notified that we will be one of the many families at this facility that will be inconvenienced and unable to attend all our requested days. This is heartbreaking, as my son will miss out on the opportunities provided by the wonderful leaders, the enriching activities, and the social development. Additionally, there is the potential that I will need to reduce my hours at work if alternate arrangements cannot be made. The new fee schedule also poses a dramatic increase compared to our previous rates. I've included a summary table below reflecting what we've paid in the last five months, compared to the amount owing were the new policy applied to those months.

Month	Hours Scheduled	Hours Attended	Existing Rate	\$10/day Rate
October 2022	80	53	\$69.43	\$50.00
November 2022	117	113	\$160.46	\$217.50
December 2022	110	105.75	\$144.68	\$217.50
January 2023	120	115.25	\$185.66	\$217.50
February 2023	99	90.75	\$128.87	\$90.00
Total	516	475.75	\$666.90	\$822.50

For only five months, this would be an increase of \$155.60, or \$31.12 per month. In a given year, provided the same frequency of sick days were to occur, this would mean an additional \$373.44 overall, averaging an additional \$0.32/hour (the equivalent of my biennial wage increase). While this may seem inconsequential, it is counter-indicative of the goals and targets outlined by the federal and provincial governments, and difficult to swallow in an economy with a rapidly ballooning cost of living. Additionally, this is assuming the date availability remains consistent—however, any families I know with part-time spots have also been notified that their days have been reduced for April.

I implore you to re-evaluate the methods by which these "family benefiting" and "cost saving" investments are rolled out, taking the time to consult with the facilities and families that will be impacted before further establishing and enforcing these blanket policies that have the potential to cripple facilities, families, and economies.

Regards,  
Kyla Dietrich

### Promoting a sustainable hog industry, for farmers, animals, the environment and the economy

Dear Editor:  
In regards to the Hog Watch Manitoba ad in Farm & Field, Virden Empire Advance, March, 17 2023.

Manitoba's present, Concentrated Hog Operations: (CHO's).

Nature did not intend for animals to live by the thousands, crammed together inside buildings, raised on pharmaceutical products, with no access to the outdoors for grass, sunlight or the clean healthy scent of fresh air. The industrial production of farm animals is a grim saga of power outages, barn fires, pollution, health risks and animal misery. Factory hog barns are literally "death traps."

The raising of animals in such a manner is toxic to the planet and to humans. Provincial officials that claim they learned from SARS (2002-2004) obviously missed some of the most important details. H3N2, like SARS is a zoonosis disease. It originates from animals. Animals, such as hogs. Do ethics matter? In this dismal fashion of raising animals... apparently not! Animal stewardship and health of humans is completely ignored.

John Fefchak  
Virden

## Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

### The Noble Construction Arena

This year's rink season is coming to an end. Thank you to Dillan Reavie for doing a great job of looking after the arena and to Kristin Walchuk for managing a successful rink kitchen.

**Monday**  
Shinny 3:30-5:30

**Tuesday**  
Public Skate 3:30-4:30

Shinny 4:30-6:00

**Wednesday**  
Preschool/Adult Skate - 1:00-3:30  
Shinny - 3:30-5:15 PM

**Thursday**  
Public Skate - 3:30-4:30

**Friday**  
Preschool/Adult Skate - 1:00-3:30  
Shinny - 3:30-5:30

Public Skate and Shinny - \$2/skater  
Season passes available - Contact the Rec Office

### Rocanville Recreation Office

Located in the Rocanville Nutrien Community Hall  
Rec office hours:  
Monday - Friday 9 am to 3 pm  
Rec Director: Andrea Logan  
Assistant: Kelly Woywada  
rocانville.rec@sasktel.net  
or 306-645-2164

### Community Calendar

A new edition of the Rocanville Community Calendar is printed each month. If you wish to advertise in the Community Calendar, please contact the Rec office at 645-2164 or email your ad to rocانville.rec@sasktel.net

Quarter page - \$20  
Half page - \$40  
Full page - \$80

### Pickleball

Pickleball is a fun sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. Perfect for all ages!

If you are interested in trying Pickleball join us at the Rocanville Rec Centre Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm.

New players are always welcome! Interested in afternoon Pickleball? Contact Sandra at 306-434-7284.

Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm.  
\$5/player.

Follow us on Facebook  
(Rocanville Pickleball)  
for more information.

### Rocanville Library

Rocanville Public Library Branch at 218 Ellice Street  
306-645-2088  
Open Hours:  
Wednesday 9 am to 12 pm and

1:30 - 5:30 pm

Thursday 1:30 - 5:30 pm

Friday 1:30 - 5:30 pm

### Rocanville Rec Centre

Rec Centre is available to rent for birthdays, reunions, wind ups and everything in between. Contact 306-645-2164 or rocانville.rec@sasktel.net to book.

### Rocanville Walking Club

Hours Monday to Friday 9 am to 12 pm and 1-3 pm

### Puzzle Swap

Needing something to do during the colder weather? Come check out the puzzles at the Rec Office. Bring in a puzzle that you have already completed and swap it out for a new puzzle to take home.

### Rocanville Seniors' Centre

We are open for rentals! Phone Mel Strong at 306-645-4412 or text 306-434-5511 or Linda Bock at 306-645-4287 or text 306-434-7587 for rental bookings. The Centre is open for cards on Thursdays from 1 to 3:30 pm every week and coffee on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8-9:30 am.

Memberships are now due, payable to Mel Strong.

### Rocanville Community Thrift Store

The Rocanville Community Thrift Store is run by a group of local volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time at the Thrift Store please, contact Marilyn at 306-645-4553.

The Thrift Store is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 1-4 pm and Thursdays 6-8 pm.

### Dial-a-Van

The Dial-A-Van is operating Wednesdays and Fridays. We will need more volunteer drivers before we can expand the service. To book a ride please call 306-434-6644 between 9 am and 12 pm. The cost of using the van will remain the same at \$3 per trip or a pass (10 trips) for \$25 from the driver.

### Rocanville Food Share

Please keep in mind the needs of those less fortunate and give them to your local Food Bank. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted. Cheques made payable to the Town of Rocanville can be mailed to Box 623, Rocanville, SK S0A 3L0.

An income tax receipt can be provided for donations of \$20 or more. If you know anyone in the area in need of food, please contact:

- Pastor Paul Bunz 434-5375
- Roseanne Kelly 306-434-9484
- Faith Buchanan
- Jean Howie
- Barbara Wilkins
- Jane Fahlman



The Grade 4 class of MacLeod Elementary School asked linebacker Justin Herdman-Reed of the Saskatchewan Roughriders questions during his visit at MacLeod Elementary School.



Saskatchewan Roughriders linebacker Justin Herdman-Reed read *The Good Egg* to students last Monday.



### Saskatchewan Roughriders player visits MacLeod Elementary School

On Monday, March 20, Saskatchewan Roughriders linebacker Justin Herdman-Reed visited MacLeod Elementary School to read to students from pre-kindergarten to Grade 5. Afterwards, students had the chance to ask Herdman-Reed questions about his career, what he enjoys about football, and had the opportunity to take pictures with him.

**Left:** A few students asked Herdman-Reed to sign their Saskatchewan Roughriders jerseys.



Tawna Weidenhamer's Grade 4 class took a selfie with Saskatchewan Roughriders linebacker Justin Herdman-Reed during his visit at MacLeod Elementary School.



Justin Herdman-Reed reading to the pre-kindergarten students. "In addition to reading a couple of books with my students, he took the time to get to know them and join in with their play. They loved him!" said Lana McCormac, Prekindergarten Teacher at MacLeod Elementary School.

## New businesses on the horizon in Moosomin

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"The stuff that we offer is hearing testing, hearing aids, counselling or rehabilitation, ear cleaning," said Riffel.

"We also offer hearing protection, we do industrial packages as well where we do meter readings. We do a conservation program, screenings for OHS (Occupational Health and Safety)."

Even though all of the services are for people 18 years and older, Riffel said she hopes to offer her services to younger age groups down the road.

"Unfortunately what we're missing is I can't test kids, otherwise I'm looking for someone who wants to take audiology and wants to deal with kids too," she said smiling. "I've tutored a whole pile of students through school as well."

"I do want to eventually get to the school and talk to kids about job opportunities in the hearing industry. As well, to take on some summer students and show them what the industry is about, to try to expand the hearing industry here in Saskatchewan, hopefully small town Saskatchewan, because right now it's either Regina, Saskatoon, Estevan, or Swift Current.

"There's just a few people who come out to small towns

so hopefully this will be expanding our industry a little bit more, and bringing a little bit more awareness out there."

The Facebook page of Hearing & Wellness by Porch Light gives more details on how people can connect with Riffel for an appointment, and what services she offers in town.

### Skout Brewing Company being built in time for summer

At Tuesday's Chamber meeting, Aaron Grandguillot of Skout Brewing Company spoke about the new craft brewery that is currently being built in Moosomin.

The brewery will include a tap room where people can buy and enjoy some of the beer produced onsite.

"We're doing construction on the building right now. We're hoping to build it by early summer, but we'll see how long it takes," said Grandguillot.

"We hope to have the patio area outside for the summer and host events during the winter. We aren't planning on having a kitchen, just to answer most peoples questions.

"We have room in the future for expansion, but right now we're looking to partner with local businesses to bring

food."

Kevin Weedmark of Moosomin Chamber of Commerce asked Grandguillot how he decided to get into the brewery business.

"I loved craft beer. I've been interested in it and then my wife's family has Shepherd Farms and they are now growing hops, so we got to learn that side of business," he said.

"I decided I wanted a career change. I used to be an insurance adjuster, and we decided to take the plunge and start our own brewery."

Grandguillot spoke about the different types of beer the business will be making.

"We're hoping to use as much as Saskatchewan Ag as possible," said Grandguillot.

"All of the barley will hopefully come from Saskatchewan, and the Hops. I could brew probably anything people want, if there's a demand out here we can try it, and if it taste good, I'll sell it."

The brewery is located Eastgate Business Park.

Grandguillot said they plan to be opened by late June or early July, depending on how long the licensing process takes by Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority.



# Maryfield Rink celebrates 50 years at the Winter Family Fun Day

The village of Maryfield hosted a Winter Family Fun Day, as well as celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Maryfield rink on Saturday, March 18.

It was a full day of events consisting of breakfast, cookie decorating, kids crafts, novelty curling, skating, face painting, a hot dog roast, snowshoeing, a pie table, sleigh rides, an alumni hockey game, outdoor snow activities and a bonfire, and a beef on a bun supper.

All activities were held free of charge that day.

"We had a great time at Winter Family Fun Day! Thank you to everyone who came out to the rink, we love a busy rink!" said Maryfield Rec Director Sarah Van Eaton.

"It takes a village as they say. A lot of work goes into these days. We are grateful to all of the volunteers who make events possible.

"All of our hockey players and score keepers—thank you for coming out. We had a blast watching!"

"Maryfield School—thank you for coming to do breakfast!

"The Painted Prairie Cactus—thank you for running the cute bunny craft station.

"The Farmers Wife—thank you for the Cookie Monster station.

"Ashley Clark—thank you for the face painting station.

"Thank you Danny Roberts Big Daddy's Cookie Jar for the delicious pie table.

"Maryfield Volunteer Fire Department—thank you for the bonfire!

"RM of Maryfield No.91—thank you for building our snow hill!

"Thank you Maryfield District Lions for an always delicious lunch!

"Thank you to all of our volunteers for making snow taffy, skating with kids, novelty curling, snow painting, snowshoeing, and helping out wherever needed.

"Thank you to all our kitchen and bar workers!"



The face painting station with Ashley Clark made kids happy during the event.



**Above:** Madelyn Gould making Cookie Monster cookies with The Farmers Wife Sara Schmidt.



**Right:** Adam Brehaut pushing his "curling rock" Isabelle down the ice.



Jessica Veysey and Hannah Low with their bunnies.



Elizabeth Van Eaton making her bunny craft with The Painted Prairie Cactus Amanda Cairns.



The Bunny Craft station by The Painted Prairie Cactus Amanda Cairns was popular.



George Van Eaton proudly showing off his bunny.

**Right:** A group shot of the Maryfield Buzzards and Blackhawk Alumni players.

**Back row from left:** John Van Eaton - Blackhawks Alumni, Goalie Doug Brady, Will Boon, Bryce Penner, Mac Kay, Trevor O'Greysik, Tyler Van Eaton, Goalie Casey Brady, and Dave Cairns - Blackhawks Alumni. **Front row from left:** Carter Clarke, Carson Low, and Hunter Hamilton.



**Below:** There was a bonfire and hot dog roast with the Maryfield Volunteer Fire Fighters.



**Above right:** The Maryfield Rink "50 Years Strong" cake made by Van Eaton Cakes.



**Left:** The RM of Maryfield No. 91 made a big toboggan hill for the kids to play on.



There were copies of The-World Spectator newspapers at the event from 1973 when the Maryfield Rink had its grand opening.



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Kyla Fingas  
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306-435-7595

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306-435-9406

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**RECYCLING CALENDAR**

**ROUTE A:**  
Homes on Broadway  
Avenue and North:  
APRIL 10 &  
APRIL 24

**ROUTE B:**  
Homes south of  
Broadway Avenue:  
APRIL 3 &  
APRIL 17

**LANDFILL HOURS**

<b>JANUARY 1 - APRIL 30</b> TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 3:45 p.m. SUN. & MON. CLOSED	<b>MAY 1 - MAY 30</b> TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m. SUN. 12 Noon - 5 p.m. MON. CLOSED	<b>JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 30</b> TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m. SUN. & MON. CLOSED	<b>OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 31</b> TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m. SUN. 12 Noon - 5 p.m. MON. CLOSED	<b>NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31</b> TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 3:45 p.m. SUN. & MON. CLOSED
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**Circus is on the way in April!**  
Check this week's Recreation Report

**2023 Friday Night Co-ed Slo Pitch**

Now taking entries into the 2023 Uptown Hotel Friday Night Slo Pitch league. If you would like to register a team please let us know at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

**2023 Tuesday Night Wiffle Ball**

Now taking entries into the 2023 outdoor Wiffle league. If you would like to register a team please let us know at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

**TOWN OF MOOSOMIN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**SUMMER STUDENT**

The Town of Moosomin is now accepting applications/resumes under the position of Summer Student, with duties to include various labor and/or other work assigned.

Applications/resumes will be received until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2023, however, said deadline may be extended depending on applications/resumes received.

Please indicate on your application/resume that you are applying for the "Summer Student Employment Opportunity".

The Town wishes to thank all persons who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Applications may be mailed, delivered, faxed, or emailed to the Town of Moosomin at the following address:

**TOWN OF MOOSOMIN**  
701 Main Street, Box 730 | Moosomin, SK | S0G 3N0  
Phone: 306-435-2988 | Fax: 306-435-3343  
E-mail: twm.moosomin@sasktel.net

**Mike Schwean Arena - 2022/2023**

Last week for winter ice!! To book a slot contact msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net.

**Camping Bookings!**

Moosomin Parks and Rec are taking our Camping Sites at Bradley Park Online at Let's Camp. To book a site please go online to letscamp.ca

**PARKS AND RECREATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**SUMMER STUDENT**

Moosomin Parks and Recreation Department are currently accepting applications for a summer student at Bradley Park. Position would run from May of 2023 to August of 2023.

**For information or to submit a resume please email the Rec Office at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net.**

If you would like to discuss the position feel free to phone Mike at 306-435-3622

**2023 Iron Man Hockey Tournament**

2023 will be our biggest tournament since Pre-Covid. Check this week's Recreation report for Hockey / Golf and whiffle ball schedule.



**2023 Wedding Venues - We have multiple options**



Our options include:

Indoors	Mike Schwean Arena Dry Ice
	Mike Schwean arena Lobby
	Conexus Convention Centre
	Nutrien Sportsplex
Outdoors	Tim Hortons Eventplex
	Remax Court

If you would like further information or would like a tour of a venue or to book a venue please contact Amber or Mike at 306-435-3622 or by email to a.campbelltownofmoosomin@sasktel.net

**Moosomin's 1st Mock Wedding**

Tickets are available at the Rec Office for just \$20 this will be the best bang for your buck you will ever get!!! Two Mock Weddings.....

Complementary drink on the Oil Man's Lounge and the fantastic Blu Beach Band!



**AQUA-PLEX BORDERLAND CO-OP**

**Borderland COOP Aquaplex 2023 Staff**

Moosomin Parks and Recreation Department are currently accepting applications for the Summer of 2023 at the Borderland COOP Aquaplex. For information or to submit a resume please email the Rec Office at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net. If you would like to discuss the position feel free to phone Mike at 306-435-3622.

**Borderland COOP Aquaplex 2023 Registration**

We are now taking registration for the 2023 Borderland Co-Op Aquaplex season. Registrations were sent out in schools as well as the PO Boxes. If you missed out you can log onto our facebook account or check this weeks Town Ad.

Please note we are past 250 registrants already for the summer of 2023 so if you are looking to book please do so ASAP.

**NUTRIEN SPORTSPLEX TEAM WIND-UPS!**

Moosomin Parks & Recreation is presently offering Nutrien Sportsplex Specials for Team Wind-Ups! We have listed our Spring Deal below, however if your team is holding their wind-up we will take an additional 25% off your booking!

**OUT OF TOWN TEAMS ARE WELCOME!**

<p><b>Entire Building</b> Includes everything! <b>EARLY BIRD: \$550</b> Team Wind-Up Discount: \$137.50 <b>You Pay: \$412.50</b></p>	<p><b>Leisure Centre Side</b> Includes 4 Simulators &amp; Court Area <b>EARLY BIRD: \$450</b> Team Wind-Up Discount: \$112.50 <b>You Pay: \$337.50</b></p>	<p><b>Leisure Centre 1/2 Side</b> Includes 2 Simulators &amp; 1 Pickle Ball Court <b>EARLY BIRD: \$250</b> Team Wind-Up Discount: \$62.50 <b>You Pay: \$187.50</b></p>	<p><b>1/2 Building</b> Includes 3 Bowling Lanes, 2 Simulators &amp; Shuffleboard <b>EARLY BIRD: \$250</b> Team Wind-Up Discount: \$62.50 <b>You Pay: \$187.50</b></p>	<p><b>Bowling Alley</b> Bowling, Shuffleboard, Pool Table &amp; Cards <b>EARLY BIRD: \$250</b> Team Wind-Up Discount: \$62.50 <b>You Pay: \$187.50</b></p>
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For further information or to book please contact Amber at 306-435-3622 or email a.campbelltownofmoosomin@sasktel.net