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## Creative Vision Choir concert

The Moosomin Community Band performed at Bethel United Church in Moosomin as part of the Creative Vision Choir Concert Tuesday evening. See more photos on page 19.

## Moosomin first in Saskatchewan, sixth in Canada: Smile Cookie campaign raises \$45,000

BY ASHLEY BOCHER

More Smile Cookies were sold in Moosomin this year than ever before, with \$45,000 worth of Smile Cookies sold. That's more than \$10,000 higher than the previous record sales for Moosomin, \$34,335 last year.

Moosomin's sales were the highest in Saskatchewan this year, for the third year in a row, and sixth nation wide. Moosomin has also had the highest Holiday Smile Cookie sales for the last two years.

Moosomin Tim Hortons owner Greg Crisanti says the

community's support makes the Smile Cookie fundraiser successful.

"We are absolutely thrilled and beyond joyful with the results again this year. It just shows the amazing community support we have in Moosomin," he said.

"To claim top spot in Saskatchewan for the third year in a row for our regular campaign, and we did it twice, in our holiday cookie campaign. It is just an unbelievable honour for us to have and to say thanks to the community is just unbelievable.

"The total fundraising dollars that we had come in is \$44,999.10 for Moosomin. That is top first place in Saskatchewan and sixth place across Canada and the US. It is extraordinary and unbelievable, especially, for a community our size to have that much support and that amount of numbers come out of the one single Tims, I definitely can't say thank you enough to our community sponsors, the staff, as well as everyone who purchased a smile cookie for our day care is terrific."

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# Moosomin town council: Housing incentive proposal brought to council

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Moosomin town council heard a presentation Wednesday on a new approach to encourage more housing in the community.

The town and the Economic Development Committee have been working on plans for a housing incentive to address the shortage of housing in the community, and Jay Hamilton presented a proposal developed by the Community Builders Alliance to further develop the plan.

Currently the town has an incentive program in place for commercial construction, but nothing for residential construction.

"I'm here representing the CBA. We have some ideas on the housing incentive plan," Hamilton told council.

"These ideas and suggestions are coming from the perspective of people in the CBA—entrepreneurs and real estate investors.

"We believe the incentive program should apply to any type of door, apartment, single family home, RTM, modular, mobile, basement suite, garage suite, con-

dos, townhomes—anything that's a single housing unit or a door should be eligible for the program.

"We also believe that rather than have a tax incentive and a separate incentive for servicing a property, rather than have a whole bunch of separate incentives, why simplify it and put it into one single cash incentive, so people know exactly what they would get for an incentive if they build in Moosomin. If we can simplify that, it would be a lot easier to administer the program, to create the program, and to advertise it.

"You want to make sure it's enough to incentivize someone to build who might otherwise, but not over-incentivize."

Councillor Kyla Fingas said she likes that idea. "I'm thinking from the financing perception. People love cash back mortgages and I think they would like this. If you are giving them a break on taxes, that's different than cash back," she said.

No decision has been made at this time. Council will consider different options and decide at a future meeting whether to proceed with a residential construction incentive and if so, what form it will take.



## Construction continues on Co-op Food Store

The new Borderland Co-op food store in Moosomin is starting to take shape with work continuing on the shell of the building last week.

## Chamber meeting May 28

The May meeting of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce is coming up Tuesday, May 28.

Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill is tentatively scheduled to join chamber members for the Chamber meeting that day.

McNaughton High School will make a presentation on a fundraising campaign for renovations to the school. The Southeast Cornerstone School Division had applied for \$10 million in provincial funding for a renovation of McNaughton High School under a new provincial program. That application was not accepted for the current budget year, and the school has decided to move forward with a smaller renovation project with community support.

The plan will be presented at the May Chamber meeting.

Chamber members will also hear from Immigration Consultant Ailyn Silanga, who has set up an

immigration consulting business in Moosomin, and is working with employers and new Canadians.

The meeting is set for 11:45 am Tuesday, May 28 at the Canalta meeting room.

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## Crosswalk at Main Street and Wright Road

Council members discussed the positioning of a crosswalk at Main Street and Wright Road.

"We have hundreds of kids a night at Bradley Park," Councillor Murray Gray said. "One person suggested in addition to the crosswalk we put a four way stop at that corner. It's something that was suggested and I think we should all think about it."

Councillor Garry Towler said he would like to see crossing lights on Main Street like there are near the school.

"I think we should talk to some of the residents who live up there and see what they think of it," Gray said. "That park is busier than it has ever been. There are a lot more people going there."

"It is busy and I've heard people say they are afraid to send their kids to the park because they have to cross that corner," rec director Mike Schwan said.

## Oil depot at landfill discussed

Ethan Richardson and Kris Mikilewicz of the Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp (SARRC) attended Wednesday's council meeting to discuss placing an oil recycling facility at the Moosomin landfill site.

There is no eco centre in Moosomin right now, because the Pipestone KinAbility Centre decided not to renew an agreement with SARRC.

The agency recycles oil, filters, antifreeze, and containers, and is funded completely by environmental handling fees.

"We have to have 37 eco centres," Richardson said. "In one of the zones, Moosomin is a great spot for one. Pipestone KinAbility operated an eco centre in Moosomin, and now have decided not to."

He said there is a market for the products collected.

"Used oil when it's collected is a commodity," he said. "The plastics are all quite recyclable. The products we do collect are reused. Since 1997, 444 million litres of oil have been recycled, 2,600,000 litres of antifreeze, 30.5 million kg of filters and 8,600,000 containers."

SARRC is offering the town \$1,000 a month to have the eco centre at the landfill. SARRC would build the building.

Councillors commented that the amount seemed low for the supervision required at the site.

Youth councillor Molly Martens said she thinks recycling is important and thinks the oil recycling facility is important to the community.

"This is something that is a service for your community," said Mikilewicz.

SARRC will send a proposed agreement for the town to review.

## Lease signed for Peterbilt dump truck

Council agreed to enter into a lease agreement with Brandt for a 2025 Peterbilt 567 tandem axle dump truck with 16.5 foot Canade gravel box with tarp.

The value of the truck is \$329,396.

## Council will donate BBQ proceeds to daycare

Town council will donate proceeds from the town barbecue July 12 to Play Fair Daycare.

Councillor Kyla Fingas suggested the daycare would be a good recipient for the funds.

The town barbecue will be held the Friday before the Chamber of Commerce and the Moosomin Bulls and Broncos.

"I like that idea," said Councillor Murray Gray.

"You see the way the community got behind them for the Smile Cookies, I'm sure there will be good support for the barbecue, and we can show that we're behind them, too."

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### Garage sale treasures

With 35 garage sales to choose from, there were lots of great finds at Moosomin's Town-Wide Garage Sale last year and there were lots of people out that day taking advantage of the sales. **Left is**, George Chopping from White-wood with a radio, glass bowl, and antique chair that he purchased and **above is**, Don Niebergall with a clock he purchased.

## Town-wide garage sale Saturday, June 1 in Moosomin

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Back by popular demand, June 1 will be a day for bargain hunters and spring cleaners alike to mark on their calendars.

The second annual town-wide garage sale is set to take place on that date, building on the success of last year's inaugural event.

"It was raining all day, but we still had so many people out and about at garage sales," Moosomin Economic Development Officer Casey McCormac recalled of the 2023 garage sales. "We didn't have very much planning time last year, so I wanted to get the date out early this year so people had time to plan for it."

McCormac said last year's first foray into the mass garage sale scene noted around 20 families participating, and this year could see even higher numbers.

"It's in about a month, and I already have 17 signed up," she confirmed.

The whole idea of holding a town-wide garage sale sprang forth from public demand, having attended similar events in communities throughout the region.

"People were asking for it because I know other communities do it, so we tried it out. It went over really well; it's a day that we organize to have all the garage sales on one day instead of them being sporadic."

Those interested in be-

ing on the official list of garage sales can contact McCormac via email at moosominedo@sasktel.net. Just before June 1, she plans to post a map listing participants, with hours loosely set between 9 am to

5 pm.

An additional benefit to Moosomin is the draw of the event, bringing people to town who will likely linger, visiting local businesses during their day spent hunting for treasures.

Other general benefits to garage sales include obviously making a little bit of money from unused items

around the house. There's also the social aspect of visiting with neighbours, plus reusing those bargain buys

reduces stress on landfills. The old adage of 'one person's trash is another's treasure' rings true.

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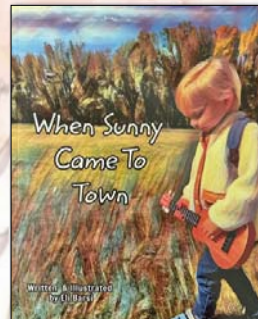
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## Community Support makes the difference

"I really throw it back on our community how well everyone comes together," says Crisanti.

"Everybody is familiar in Moosomin now on how the campaign goes.

"Of course we try to get our pre-orders out there as early as possible in order to make it a little easier for ordering and on our bakery as well. The community just pulls together as one. It is unbelievable."

## Moosomin being noticed

Crisanti says Moosomin has exceeded expectations for Tim Hortons Franchisees.

"It definitely puts Moosomin on the map. At our conventions and head office, they are asking where is Moosomin, Saskatchewan. They see it on the leader board all the time. We are getting praise during the week of the campaign.

"Our numbers are well above normal and going above extraordinary for a community this size. It really is just magical and terrific. I can't take all the thanks for sure. It has a very little part on me. It is the community that are purchasing the cookies, and sponsoring, as well as the volunteers of our staff and charity like our day care and the amount of work they have put into it. It takes a group to get the results and we seem to hit it out of the park every year."

## Exciting week

Crisanti says everyone gets excited about the Smile Cookie campaign. "The excitement during the week is amazing. We do start the weekend before, decorating and getting the restaurant prepped, moving tables around and getting our posters ready, it does take quite a bit of work just prepping. If you can imagine the size of cookie orders that we are receiving every year so trying to find room juggling cookie dough in our freezers



McNaughton High Grade 6 students Aubree Easton and Blakeley Hintz decorating Smile Cookies during Moosomin's Smile Cookie Week.

as well as getting everything ready for the fondant and boxes to put them in. It is really exciting and the staff really enjoy it. They love seeing it. There is some friendly competition of course with other restaurants as well as our own group, we tend to have some fun with it. We definitely love having the title of the Cookie Capital of Saskatchewan and to be in the top 10 in Canada at sixth place is remarkable."

## Getting involved in community

Crisanti says the Smile Cookie campaign is all about giving back to the community. "It's really getting into the community and making sure everyone is aware 100% of our proceeds are staying in our community. We push it really hard to because it is our time to give back to the community that has been so good to us.

"A community like Moosomin has been fantastic for us and it is just one small part that we can do to give back to the community is with the Smile Cookie campaign. As fun as it is, it is truly remarkable to see the dollars come in. I have heard great positives over the years, we have been able to help a lot of different organizations in our community. It really is about giving back to the community that has been so good to us.

"Definitely the Smile Cookie campaigns as well as our Camp Day campaigns, the Holiday Smile Cookie campaign, and Orange Sprinkle Donut, we try to get involved as owner and franchisee as much as we can. All these campaigns, they have them about every 90 days through our restaurant so there is a good break in between them.

"It really is about giving back and getting into the community. We are very positive. It is really important as much as we do good in this, but we are doing these community programs as best as we can and above and beyond. That is truly what we strive for as owners."

He says they will be looking for their next charity for Smile Cookie week in May 2025 soon.

"I don't think we would change anything right now. We are definitely open to ideas if anybody has ideas to make it better. We are open to friendly competition. Our goal every year is to always beat the year before. That is a little fun for us. Right now, we are just looking ahead. Our Holiday Smile Cookie campaign is coming up in November with a 50/50 split with our Tim's Camp Organization and then May 2025 is when the Smile Cookie campaign will come back again. We are open to charities. If we know about a non-profit organization in our community that wants to jump on board and see what it is all about. Definitely have to do some work as far as the organization goes it makes the campaign go a lot more successful if we have their partnership in the program, but we will be looking for our next charity right away soon to start planning!"

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# Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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## WHL Draft

As I wrote this week's report, the Western Hockey League Draft was just hours away. 2024 will be another exciting year as I guarantee you Moosomin Minor Hockey will see multiple alumni chosen in the draft.

Our Minor Hockey has become one of the most successful in rural Saskatchewan the past several years with several players chosen in the WHL draft. Players like Holloway, Cole, Boutin, Davidson, Schwan, Bohek, and Hunt have all heard their names called at the draft floor in Calgary. 2024 will see multiple additions to that fraternity. I want to offer my congratulations to those called...and to Moosomin Minor Hockey for their amazing success!

## Speaking of the WHL, Go Warriors!

Boy oh boy, if the Blades versus Warriors was not one of the best seven game series of all time in the WHL, then I missed a few beauties! Of course, the Warriors won in seventh...with six going to overtime! Fingers crossed hard for the Warriors as they meet Portland in the WHL Final.

## Communities in Bloom

We are excited to welcome Jazz Davidson back for a second year as our Communities in Bloom Manager. Jazz has a ton of plans for the summer! If you would like to become a part of the Communities in Bloom Planning committee in 2024 please let us know at 435-3622.

## Moosomin Senior Rangers AGM

Moosomin Senior Rangers cap off a fantastic season with their 2023/2024 Annual General Meeting coming up on Tuesday, May 14. Meeting will be held at 7 pm at the MS Arena lobby. The Rangers would like to encourage all executive, players, volunteers, sponsors, and fans to attend.

## Moosomin Senior Rangers Alumni 2024 Annual Golf Tournament

This event will be held Saturday, June 15. This is a great opportunity to players, sponsors and fans to get out and enjoy each other's company.

We will take team entries of six or you can enter as a individual or partial team. Cost per golfer is just \$20 (thanks to our Pipestone Hills Golf Club Sponsorship) which includes 18 holes of golf along with a Saturday supper—you can't beat that deal. Of course, players on our 2023/24 Championship team AS WELL AS those committed to our 2024/2025 Senior Rangers Team will have their entry fee covered by the Moosomin Senior Rangers Alumni.

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## Moosomin Generals youth football program

Moosomin Generals are accepting registrations for the upcoming season. Programs include:

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U12/U7 Flag (Maryfield)

U12 Tackle

U15 Tackle

U18 Girl's (PGFL)

U18 Coed (RMFL)

Visit [www.generalsfootball.ca](http://www.generalsfootball.ca) for schedules, information and to register online.

## MS Arena summer dry ice bookings

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## Community Donations

As summer season is now here Moosomin Parks and Recreation would also like to extend a request to the community for donations towards the Sports Equipment Loaner Building. Maybe you have an old ball glove, an old pair of skates, an old cornhole game, an old set of disc golf discs, an old set of golf club, an old bike ... whatever!

Keep in mind all this equipment is available to both in town and out of town residents. As such we would also be excited for out of town donations to the inventory.

Parks and Rec would be more than happy to pick up any donations both in and out of town. If you would be willing to donate to this amazing program please email Mike at [msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net](mailto:msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net) or phone at 435-7578.

## Community Gardens Opportunity

Town of Moosomin is currently accepting bookings for their 2024 Community Garden Program.

Prices include:

10x15 plots are \$30

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Garden boxes are \$20

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## Pickle Ball

Pickle Ball continues at the Conex Convention Centre. The club has dedicated times which include:

Monday 1 pm

Tuesday 6:30 pm

Wednesday 1 pm

## Swimming Lessons 2024

We are busy making plans for another busy pool season in 2024! Lesson sets have been set, and registration has been busy!

You can visit either our Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Facebook site or our Parks and Rec Facebook site where you will find our registration form. Follow the instructions and you're set!

We already have over 300 kids registered so act quickly to avoid disappointment on your preferred set date.

Dates include:

Public Sets

Set # 1 – 2 week session from June 3 to June 14

Set # 2 – 1 week session from June 24 to June 28

Set # 3 – 1 week session from July 8 to July 12

Set # 4 – 1 week session from July 22 to July 26

Set # 5 – 1 week session from August 5 to August 9

Set # 6 – 2 week session from August 12 to August 23

Private Sets (All 1-week sets)

Set # 1 from June 17 to June 21

Set # 2 from July 15 to July 19

Set # 3 from July 29 to August 2

## Borderland Co-op Aquaplex 2024 Staff

We are excited about our 2024 Aquaplex staff—one of the best in recent years! Our list includes a staff with 60 years of combined experience!

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Roeen Locke (Five years)

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Shaughny Fingus (Three years)

Gab MacIal (Two years)

Gabe Fingus (Two years)

Blake Bruce (Two years)

Julia McConnell (Two years)

Amiyah Spencer (First year)

Aullie Skulmsoki (One year)

## 2024 Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Schedule

Patrons are reminded our staff is now busy at the pool getting things ready for the summer. Pool season will be here in no time!

As for our schedule we have things planned to allow for a June 1 opening which is just a couple weeks out! Schedule includes:

April 29: Contact staff members

May 1: Staff Starts

May 1-6: Admin work for staff

May 6 – 31: Start up work for staff  
May 13: Begin to drain and clean pool  
May 18-19: Fill pool  
May 20: Turn on pumps and start water treatment

May 24: Turn on pool boiler

June 1: First day for Public Swimming

June 3: Lessons begin

If you are looking to book into swimming lessons or would like to book a party or just have a pool question, feel free to pop over to the pool or you can phone a staff member at 435-2346!

## Outdoor Pickle Ball Court/Committee

If you would be interested in joining a fundraising committee with the intention of building outdoor pickleball courts at Bradley Park, then we would love to hear from you.

We do have a few fundraisers lined up and a few potential grant opportunities. Regardless we would like to form a committee, make a plan, and meet the demand for this ever-growing sport.

If you are interested in helping with the committee please email Mike at [msmn.rec.brd@sastek.net](mailto:msmn.rec.brd@sastek.net)

## Camping spots open for bookings

Those looking for camping spaces at Bradley Park in 2024 are reminded spots are open up online. To book please go online to [Letscamp.ca](http://Letscamp.ca) and follow along with their instructions.

## 2024 Friday Night Uptown Slo Pitch League

We are now ready for our 2024 Slo Pitch League. Ten teams signed up so the diamonds will be packed every Friday night!

It will be the biggest year in recent memory as the King and His Court look to defend their D Side Championship—and they have a new bat . . . and they finally signed a player who knows how to use it!

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## Bradley Park Rodeo Grounds

Groups are reminded they are asked to pre-book the rodeo grounds for events. You can do so by phoning 435-3622 or by email to [msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net](mailto:msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net).

## Disc Golf Club

Are you interested in joining a local Disc Golf Club? If so please email Mike at [msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net](mailto:msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net). Our hope is to get the course set up in time for summer fun and exercise! We will be supplying entry level discs for those individuals wanting to try the sport out!

## Minor Ball this week at Bradley Park

Lots of action this week at Bradley Park. As you will see below Bradley Park is absolutely humming with activity. If you are looking to catch some great young athletes. Here is our listing:

Monday

Co-op Field: Tball Practice

Murray Newman Field: U7 Practice

Elks Field: U11 Softball Game

Guinness Field: U15 Softball Game

Kin Field: U13 Baseball Practice

Sharpe's Field: U9 Practice

Pharmasave Field: U9 Practice

Legacy Field: Rally Caps Practice

Tuesday

Co-op Field: U9 Softball Game

Murray Newman Field: U9 Softball Practice

Elks Field: U13 Girls A Practice

Guinness Field: U19 Softball Game  
Kin Field: U11 Baseball Game  
Sharpe's Field: United Soccer  
Pharmasave Field: United Soccer  
Legacy Field: United Soccer

Wednesday

Co-op Field: Open to book

Murray Newman Field: U7 Practice

Elks Field: U13 Baseball Game

Guinness Field: U15 Softball Game

Kin Field: U11 Softball Game

Sharpe's Field: Open to book

Pharmasave Field: U9 Baseball Game

Legacy Field: Open to book

Thursday

Co-op Field: Sr. Badgers Baseball Game

Murray Newman Field Sr Badgers Baseball Game

Elks Field: U11 Baseball Game

Guinness Field: U19 Softball Game

Guinness Field: U13 A Girls practice (under lights)

Kin Field: T Ball practice

Sharpe's Field: U9 Practice 4:30 pm

Sharpe's Field: United Soccer

Pharmasave Field: U9 Practice 4:30 pm

Pharmasave Field: United Soccer

Legacy Field: U9 Practice 4:30 pm

Legacy Field: United Soccer

Friday

Co-op Field: Friday Night Slo Pitch

Murray Newman Field Friday Night Slo Pitch

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# Design work taking place now for Highway 8 between Moosomin and Rocanville: Highways Minister says Highway 8 slated for reconstruction

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK AND ASHLEY BOCHER

Highway 8 in southeast Saskatchewan has been named the worst highway in Saskatchewan because of the potholes in CAA's Worst Roads contest, and Highways Minister Lori Carr told the World-Spectator repairs are on the way.

We spoke with Minister Carr Thursday and the full interview follows.

**We see now that there's patching going on between Moosomin and Rocanville and work is starting on resurfacing the Nutrien mine road but can you tell us what the full plan is for Highway 8 in our region?**

Sure, so the Ministry of Highways continues to work on the design for the reconstruction of Highway 8 between Moosomin and Rocanville. The project has been identified as a priority and it is part of our plan. No firm costs are available for the reconstruction project on Highway 8 between Moosomin and Rocanville as design options are still being evaluated, but as weather and seasonal conditions allow, the Ministry of Highways will perform the ongoing maintenance to this segment of Highway 8 until the reconstruction project occurs.

We do know that people are anxious for this so we appreciate that people are being patient and understanding while this work is happening.

On-road construction recently began, as you just mentioned, for an improvement project on Highway 8 north-east from Rocanville to the Nutrien Potash Mine. This 14.6 kilometer-long project is estimated to be approximately \$15.1 million.

That's an investment that the Saskatchewan government will make and it's anticipated to be completed before the year is over, of course pending contractor progress and weather. All of the gravel for that project was crushed over the winter.

**So is the design work underway now for the reconstruction of Highway 8 between Moosomin and Rocanville? Is that taking place now?**

Yes, they're evaluating all of that right now.

**What sort of timeline is there for that process?**

You know, we don't have a timeline right at this point in time because we have to look at what our capital plan looks like next year—it's more of an ongoing plan. So it's next year and the year after and see how projects all fit in. It's based on the condition of the road and all of those factors that come into play, but we already know that this one does need that work done.



Saskatchewan Highways Minister Lori Carr

**Highway 9 north of Whitewood has also made the top 10. Do contests like this and the awareness they raise make any impact on project approvals?**

While we appreciate and value the work that goes into the CAA Worst Roads Campaign and the feedback that it does generate, the Ministry of Highways doesn't prioritize their list based on that, but the factors that we do consider when making investment decisions include safety, traffic volume, truck traffic, impact on the economy, projected growth, sustainability and possible partnerships with surrounding RMs. So that's how we determine that.

**So what are your thoughts when you see the results of the CAA Worst Road contest? You said you don't base your decisions around it, but do you look at the feedback and take it into consideration?**

We have our items that we take into consideration when the Ministry of Highways does prioritize the road, but you know just as an individual when I see concerns

like that, it does highlight it a bit. Then I, myself, will ask the Ministry, if it's not on our radar, to tell me more about the section of the road.

**How does the Ministry prioritize highway repairs and resurfacing when there are projects all across the province that are important to the people in those areas?**

We have our factors we take into consideration when we prioritize those projects. Sometimes projects can evolve and adjust from year to year depending on if circumstances change as we do all of those evaluations from year to year.

**How has the province's investment into highways changed over the years?**

We've made significant investment into our highway system under this provincial government. I would call them record investments. We actually invested \$13 billion since 2008 and that has improved 20,700 kilometers of highways across the province. We have a 10-year plan of 10,000 kilometers over 10 years so approximately 1,000 kilometers per year. We are in year five and we're already at about 5,600—so well on track to meet that growth plan goal.

**What are the challenges that the government faces in getting all of the repairs done that are needed on highways across the province?**

Now that's a great question. Our road network is the largest in Canada on a per capita basis and it actually consists of 26,455 kilometers of provincial highways.

So we do take that strategic approach to maintain the existing roads and build new infrastructure to support and keep pace with Saskatchewan's growing population and economy, and of course weather can also play a factor as to how much work can get done in any given construction season.

**So what's your favorite part of the highways job? You probably meet with a lot of people who tell you that their highway needs fixed tomorrow, what's the rewarding part of it?**

The rewarding part is when you can tell them, 'You know what, it's on the plan and this is when we're going to get it done.' That makes people really, really happy. But honestly, when I go out and I visit with people and I sit in their council rooms and talk to the people that are really involved in their communities—it's just getting to know them because they really care about what is happening and what is happening in their communities. So that's my favorite part—meeting people.

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## In our opinion:

# Decriminalization won't solve Canada's drug crisis

Canadian cities must do something to curb the alarming rate of deaths from lethal drugs like heroin, fentanyl, cocaine or methamphetamine. But the solution, if one is even possible, should not be through decriminalization.

As disastrous experiments in British Columbia and Oregon so starkly show, decriminalizing the possession of hard drugs has led to an increase in deaths and turned some city streets into hellish no-go zones for citizens who aren't there to get a hit. If you've been to Portland recently, as I have, you'll see portions of the downtown transformed into post-apocalyptic encampments of drug-addicted homeless people. Vancouver's East Hastings, meanwhile, has been branded "Canada's worst street."

Yet, despite tales of horror from those two jurisdictions, the City of Toronto is pressing ahead with an application to Health Canada to be allowed to decriminalize possession of hard drugs. The obstinance of public health officials in that city has sent Ontario Premier Doug Ford into apoplectic fits.

Ford argued governments should instead invest in drug treatment centres. "That's what we should be doing. Not legalizing hard drugs. Like, you've got to be kidding me. Like, letting people do cocaine, and crack and heroin? You've got to be kidding me," Ford said last week. "I will fight this tooth and nail."

Toronto health officials are not wrong that addiction should be treated as a health issue, not a criminal matter. But there is an overpowering naïveté in the belief that decriminalization will, in itself, save lives. Portland's experiment failed because officials didn't do enough of the other things that must be done at the same time.

Portugal—the poster child of drug death reduction—provides an instructive example. In 1999, Lisbon was known as the "heroin capital of Europe," and overdose deaths were averaging 360 a year in the country of 10 million citizens. Alarmed officials formed a multi-partisan party coalition that backed sweeping change that re-defined the problem of addiction. Through an eight-point program, of which decriminalization was just one part, Portugal effectively altered the environment around drug addicts to change their behaviour.

The detailed strategy included shifting from court-based incarceration to custody in the Commissions for the Dissuasions from Drug Abuse (CDTs); creating mobile teams to deal with addicts on the street; staffing those teams with experts; creating ways to test and administer treatment; decriminalizing (not legalize) possession of small amounts of drugs and encourage addicts to seek treatment or to face penalties; helping addicts find employment; tracking the costs of drug addiction, including the total cost to society; expand public education; and, giving treatment officials, instead of police officers, the power to make decisions about drug users.

The initial results were spectacular. By 2018, the number of heroin addicts in Portugal had dropped from 100,000 to 25,000. The country also achieved the lowest drug-related death rate in Western Europe, one-tenth of Britain and one-fiftieth of the U.S. João Goulão, a former family doctor who designed Portugal's radical approach, was hailed as a genius.

Then things began to unravel. As the country struggled with budget deficits, Portugal reduced resources allocated to its programs, undercutting efforts to encourage addicts into rehabilitation programs. Drug dealers, meanwhile, continued to use Portugal as an entry point to import hard drugs into European Union countries.

Between 2015 and 2021, drug users in treatment declined from 1,150 to 352. Funding dropped from \$82.7 million in 2012 to \$17.4 million in 2021. Overdose rates have reached a 12-year high and have doubled in Lisbon since 2019. Crime, often drug-related, rose 14 percent from 2021 to 2022.

"What we have today no longer serves as an example to anyone," Goulão says.

As Gregory Shea, senior fellow at Wharton Center for Leadership and Change Management, writes: "To code the case of Portugal's illegal drug initiative ... as a binary choice—in this case, to decriminalize drugs or not—misrepresents the change effort required and, consequently, how to sustain it. ... If you decriminalize and do nothing else, things will get worse."

In short, decriminalizing hard drugs while failing to adequately fund other strategies will not only fail but, worse, will likely create an expectation that lifetime drug use is a right.

In British Columbia, Premier David Eby said he hopes other jurisdictions in Canada will learn from his province's mistakes. While he maintains addiction should be treated as a health issue and not a criminal one, public consumption of illicit drugs must have hard limits.

Do public health officials in Toronto understand all that is required for a decriminalization effort to succeed? It's not clear that they do, nor that they have the ability to tap into the substantial resources required to reduce addiction. All levels of government need to be committed to this effort, not for one year or five years, but over the long haul. As in, quite possibly, as far into the future as we can see.

The federal government, which initially supported B.C.'s decriminalization experiment, has become more circumspect. Mental Health and Addictions Minister Ya'ara Saks told the House of Commons it's too early to draw conclusions about drug decriminalization: "We're still evaluating the data."

Skip the data and listen to the people across the country who are fed up with witnessing the rampant consumption of hard drugs on the streets. It's not the way any of us want to live, and it's not the Canada we want to live in.

Provincial governments, notably Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, are also largely opposed to decriminalization. Other provinces say they have no plans to go there. And Conservative Opposition leader Pierre Poilievre, our prime minister-in-waiting, has been outspoken against it.

So, with three levels of government at odds over decriminalization, the prospects of running a co-ordinated strategy that would mirror Portugal's initially successful project couldn't appear dimmer.

The real lesson from B.C.'s disaster is that if you're not ready to go all in on doing it right, you are much better off not doing it at all.

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# An incredibly generous community comes through once again

Moosomin is the top fundraising community in Saskatchewan in the 2024 Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign.

The \$45,000 raised in Moosomin is also the sixth highest fundraising total across all of Canada.

As amazing as that is, it's definitely not unexpected. In fact, this is the third year Moosomin is number one in the province in the Smile Cookie campaign, and it was also top in the province for Holiday Smile Cookie sales for the last two years.

Think about that for a minute. Moosomin is a community of just over 3,000 people, and year after year, the community is the absolute top of Smile Cookie sales, selling far more than much larger communities.

The spirit of generosity is baked into us in the Moosomin region.

Look at the level of donations in the local area recently:

- The 146 businesses included in the World-Spectator's Support Local Business feature donated a total of \$2,086,281 to local charities and organizations.

- Local businesses and individuals have donated \$1,746,514 toward the Moosomin Airport Expansion project in recent weeks, as the fourth stage of fundraising has begun, to gather local donations in addition to the commitments from the provincial government, 15 local governments, and Nutrien. Included in that phenomenal fundraising total over a few weeks is a \$500,000 donation from IJACK and a \$100,000 donation from Darcy Rambold.

- I asked Chamber members to let me know about any donations I may not have been aware of. Some have purposely made donations low-key or want to remain entirely anonymous, but those other donations add up to \$265,000.

- Alex Bruce just left a \$170,000 bequest to three local facilities.

- There have been local donations totalling \$106,779 to Terry Lynd Court. That funding came together in a few short months.

- As I said, the latest Smile Cookie campaign raised \$45,000 in Moosomin, for Play Fair Daycare, who are working on their second building. That is the highest total in Saskatchewan and among the top 10 in Canada.

All together, that adds up to \$4,419,574.

That's absolutely amazing. Giving has become such a natural part of our identity in this area that no one bats an eye when Moosomin's Tim Hortons again has the top Smile Cookie sales in Saskatchewan—everyone expects that it will be at or close to the top.

There are going to be some major fundraising



**Kevin Weedmark**

initiatives over the next couple of years, for Moosomin's CT Scanner and the second building for Play Fair Daycare. I have no doubt the community is going to get behind these fundraisers like it gets behind every worthy cause, and the funds will be raised more quickly than anyone expects.

## Day care important to the community

The second building being planned for Play Fair Daycare is one of the most important developments in the community for a long time.

One thing that is holding back development is the lack of child care. There are people who cannot go to work or cannot move to town because of the shortage of day care spaces.

Adding 90 daycare spaces in Moosomin will fill a real need. There are 37 kids who would be in daycare in Moosomin tomorrow if the spaces were available.

It was like winning the lottery when Moosomin was approved for 90 spots. We're hoping to have Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill at the May 28 Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting to talk about the daycare funding and how the process works for school renovation projects like the one proposed for McNaughton High School.

And it was like winning the lottery again when the Southeast Cornerstone School Division agreed to give, for free, the land to build the daycare. Moosomin isn't a town with a lot of vacant building sites, and the offer of about an acre of land close to the schools was just what Play Fair Daycare needed.

The provincial funding includes about \$1 million for construction, so more will have to be raised.

It was great to see the outpouring of support in the Smile Cookie campaign, and it was great to see Councillor Kyla Fingas suggest at the town council meeting Wednesday that the town get behind the fundraising drive by donating proceeds of the town barbecue on July 12 to the day care.

A project like this needs the whole community behind it, and it's great to see that is starting to happen. That's what always happens in this community, and that keeps us moving forward.



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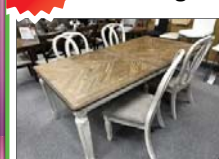
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# White Bear artist Michael Lonechild receives King Charles III Medal

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The first people in Saskatchewan to receive King Charles III Coronation Medals were honoured last week in Regina. Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty hosted the event on May 6 to mark the first anniversary of the King's Coronation with 22 prominent citizens awarded medals. The list included former premiers and lieutenant governors, environmental conversationalists, police officers, military members and artists.

On that list was one of the province's most accomplished artists, Michael Lonechild who calls the Carlyle area and White Bear First Nation home.

"It's a special thing for me that I got chosen to be one of the recipients of the Medal because it's a unique medal," Lonechild told the World-Spectator. "To be one of the first ones to receive a medal, it's a big honour for me."

Lonechild was actually nominated by Mirasty to be a recipient, making the award extra special for the Cree artist. To be eligible for the King Charles III Coronation Medal, a person must have made a significant contribution to Canada or to a particular province, territory, region, or community; or attained an outstanding achievement abroad that brings credit to the country. They also had to be alive on that date of the King's Coronation.

"I want to thank Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty for nominating me," Lonechild said. "It's an honour to be recognized as being an artist. There's a lot of great artists in Saskatchewan, those are the ones I want to be represented with."

Lonechild gained an interest in art at a young age, inspired by his father and uncle sketching.

"The way I started taking up art was



Lieutenant Governor Russell Mirasty presents Michael Lonechild with a King Charles III Coronation Medal at Government House in Regina.

Donna Boyle photo

because I watched my dad. He didn't actually paint, but he always sketching. From there, I sketched until I was good enough, too. It got boring after, so I had to start colouring them somehow," Lonechild said with a laugh. "It's telling a story of my people. It's not only my people that had horses and wagons, it was the pioneers - that's where we got the wagons from; trading with the local farmers."

"I started painting when I was 15, so that's a long, long time ago!"

His work is widely known for its focus on Cree traditions, the realities and struggles facing his people, and scenes of life on the prairies. Lonechild's work has been featured in shows across the country including Estevan, Saskatoon, Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, and Kelowna. South of the border, he's had shows in Denver, Colorado and was even invited by Pan Canadian to show his work at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC.

"My art takes me all over the place," he humbly admitted. "I don't know if I'll ever retire. Art to me is not a job, it's more like a really well-paying hobby!"

Another source of pride for Lonechild was his work with the Treaty Four Education Alliance based in Fort Qu'Appelle, which allowed him to share his passion for art with the next generation.

"They're mandate was to come up with a curriculum to teach the First Nations kids on the reserve that have schools to give them a different idea on how to approach education and one of them was art," Lonechild explained. "I was very fortunate to travel to all the First Nation schools on Treaty Four and teach them art. I learned a lot of stuff there, too. I learned that I like to have respect for teachers—you got to have a good attitude if you want to be a teacher!"



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# Teachers vote no to government offer

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
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Teachers across the province have spoken, and the answer is a resounding 'no'. A final offer put forward by the Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee for a provincial bargaining agreement was flatly rejected. Almost all the teachers in Saskatchewan cast a vote (92.2 per cent), and of those, 90 per cent were in opposition of the offer.

"The message to government and the Saskatchewan School Boards Association is crystal clear: their so-called 'final offer' is unacceptable and does a disservice to students and teachers. The Government of Saskatchewan and the SSBA must finally take this process and these issues seriously and work with teachers in good faith to address the crisis occurring in publicly funded schools under their watch," said Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation President Samantha Becotte. "This vote tells students, families and our Teachers' Bargaining Committee that teachers are

deeply committed to securing a sustainable future for publicly funded schools and for the supports our students desperately need in classrooms."

The offer included an eight per cent pay increase over three years, broken down to three per cent in the first two years then two per cent in the final year.

According to information from the STF, a return to sanctions as witnessed last month will not immediately happen, and the Teacher's Bargaining Committee has expressed a desire to return to the bargaining table.

"We need a deal that guarantees the government's full, unwavering commitment to the future of public schools beyond the election cycle. Anything less is untenable," Becotte said. "We are now a year into this process, having opened negotiations last May. We are nearing the end of a school year spent under the shadow of an intransigent government that seems to disregard the largest job sanctions ever undertaken

by Saskatchewan teachers and ignore students' needs. No more backroom deals

and no more 'final offers.' School divisions are finalizing their budgets for next year and they're indicating that funding is still grossly insufficient. The students, families and teachers of Saskatchewan need real commitments to improve experiences in classrooms and solutions to address the challenges in education."

In a press conference late last week, Becotte pledged no further job action would take place if a commitment to return to bargaining is made, but the STF has not heard back from the GTBC for such a request.

"At this time, we have not received a formal response from the GTBC to the bargaining table with a new mandate, but I look forward to hearing the response as soon as possible," she said, again underlining that any call to action would be preceded with 48 hours notice.

Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill noted last week that if a 'no' vote brought with it further job action, it may lengthen the current school year, ensuring students

receive a full year of education. The STF saw such comments as an attempt to influence the teachers' voting over May 8 and 9.

Class complexity has been one of the main points throughout discussions between the STF and GTBC. Becotte targeted recent statements she's heard from the government side that classroom complexity would not be included in any new mandate.

"This has consistently been an issue that has been brought forward as a priority but not just by teachers, it's by students, parents and members of the public," she said. "We want to ensure that all students have access to the supports that they need to be successful in their education."

Teachers in Saskatchewan have been without a contract since last August with initial bargaining initiated last May. Through the fall and winter of 2023, job action took place included the 'work to rule' action for one week before talks resumed, resulting in the offer put to the teachers.



Ashley Bocek Photo

## Spring means construction

Warm weather is the sign for contractors to dig up and replace the old and fix it with the new. The sidewalk is being repaired in front of the Town Office and Library. This photo was taken in front of the Town of Moosomin office Wednesday morning.

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31 MAY	KENOSEE @ BADGERS 6:30 PM



## 2024 South East Men's Fastball League Schedule

<b>May.21</b> Neudorf @ Kahkewistehaw Zagime @ Young Buckz	<b>June.6</b> Fleming @ Kahkewistehaw Whitewood @ Grenfell	<b>June.24</b> Round Lake @ Whitewood Young Buckz @ Neudorf
<b>May.23</b> Young Buckz @ Cowessess Kahkewistehaw @ Zagime	<b>June.7</b> Round Lake @ Cowessess	<b>June.25</b> Grenfell @ Fleming
<b>May.24</b> Fleming @ Grenfell Whitewood @ Round Lake	<b>June.10</b> Young Buckz @ Whitewood Cowessess @ Grenfell	<b>June.26</b> Cowessess @ Young Buckz
<b>May.27</b> Whitewood @ Neudorf Grenfell @ Young Buckz	<b>June.11</b> Kahkewistehaw @ Round Lake	<b>June.27</b> Round Lake @ Fleming Neudorf @ Whitewood
<b>May.28</b> Cowessess @ Kahkewistehaw Fleming @ Round Lake	<b>June.12</b> Zagime @ Cowessess	<b>June.28</b> Kahkewistehaw @ Cowessess Zigime @ Grenfell
<b>May.29</b> Cowessess @ Zagime	<b>June.13</b> Whitewood @ Kahkewistehaw Grenfell @ Round Lake	<b>July.2</b> Grenfell @ Kahkewistehaw Neudorf @ Round Lake
<b>May.30</b> Round Lake @ Neudorf	<b>June.14</b> Zagime @ Neudorf Fleming @ Young Buckz	<b>July.3</b> Young Buckz @ Fleming Zagime @ Whitewood
<b>May.31</b> Kahkewistehaw @ Grenfell Fleming @ Zagime	<b>June.17</b> Round Lake @ Young Buckz Grenfell @ Zagime	<b>July.4</b> Round Lake @ Zagime
<b>June.3</b> Whitewood @ Cowessess Neudorf @ Fleming	<b>June.18</b> Cowessess @ Fleming	<b>July.5</b> Neudorf @ Grenfell Kahkewistehaw @ Young Buckz Cowessess @ Whitewood
<b>June.4</b> Young Buckz @ Kahkewistehaw	<b>June.19</b> Kahkewistehaw @ Neudorf Young Buckz @ Zagime	
<b>June.5</b> Neudorf @ Cowessess Zagime @ Round Lake	<b>June.21</b> Fleming @ Whitewood Grenfell @ Neudorf	

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# Your finances and dementia



As people age, the chances of getting dementia or Alzheimer's increase. One in 20 Canadians over 65 has dementia, and this number increases to one in four Canadians aged 85 and over.

Given that the effects of dementia can be extremely gradual, it can be difficult to tell if you or a loved one is experiencing the early signs of dementia or if these are just symptoms of normal age-related memory loss. It can also be difficult to know when to start making decisions for your loved ones or handing over your decision-making to someone else if you're experiencing the early signs of dementia.

We explore how to tell the difference between symptoms of dementia and those of age-related memory loss, and how to protect the finances of someone who has dementia.

## Some warning signs of dementia

**Memory loss:** more severe than normal age-related memory loss, this would make daily activities and learning new facts or skills much more difficult.

**Feeling disoriented:** not knowing how

to get home from a familiar place, or struggling to remember what day it is.

**Misplacing items:** we can all temporarily lose something, but people with dementia can start to put things where they don't belong, such as leaving car keys in the freezer.

**Mood swings:** moving from happy to sad or angry, or changing behavioural patterns, for no apparent reason.

**Losing interest:** this could be a sudden disinterest in work, a favourite pastime or hobby, or socializing with family and friends.

**Struggling to carry out everyday activities:** these could include bathing, getting dressed or making a meal.

**Finding speech to be difficult:** forgetting even the simplest of words or using the wrong words, so the person becomes difficult to understand.

## What to do if there are signs of dementia

If you or a loved one starts experiencing symptoms of dementia, you should go and see your doctor. Early diagnosis of dementia can help manage and slow down

symptoms, as well as better prepare you for what to expect in the future.

You should also contact the Alzheimer Society, which has many resources and support to help people with dementia and their families to adapt to this new situation.

## Protecting your finances after a dementia diagnosis

Your IG advisor can refer you to a number of experts within the fields of tax and estate planning who are experienced in helping people manage their finances after receiving a dementia diagnosis.

You should start putting a disability and estate plan in place (ideally with the help of an experienced estate lawyer, or a notary if you're in Quebec).

It's extremely rare to go from being fully capable of making your own decisions one day, to being completely incapable the next. It's typically a gradual process. That's why it's important to act as soon as symptoms start appearing. If you are diagnosed with dementia, it's important to make crucial, legally binding decisions while you're still able to do so.

Some people feel defensive when they start to have dementia symptoms and may be reluctant to tell anyone about it. However, sharing how you feel will help in the short and long term. Your financial advisor can help you to simplify your portfolio so it's easier for you to manage, especially when things become a little more difficult to understand.

It's really important to get legal documents in place, such as a will and power of attorney for property (a mandate in Quebec) and a power of attorney for personal care (which, depending on where you live, could be referred to as a directive, personal directive, health care directive, advanced health care directive, representation agreement or mandate).

If you leave it too late, you won't legally be able to sign documents; this can then make it far more expensive and complicated for your family to be able to make decisions on your behalf. Find out more about why it's so important to have a power of attorney.

## The assisted decision-making stage

Once you have put in place a power of attorney for property, you should introduce your attorney (the person chosen to eventually make decisions on your behalf) to your professional advisors, such as your accountant, lawyer and financial advisor.

This way, your attorney will get to understand your needs and wishes better and build a relationship with the professionals who help you manage your money. At this stage, your attorney can begin to help you make decisions.

Then, as worsening dementia symptoms make it harder to make decisions, the attorney can gradually make them on your behalf. This gradual transition will make the process easier for everybody involved.

## How to protect yourself from financial abuse

When setting up a power of attorney for property, there are restrictions as to what your attorney can and cannot do on your behalf. For example, they can't usually pass their role as attorney to someone else, add or change the beneficiaries on your accounts or insurance policies, or use your money to finance their own activities (such as pay for their vacation or home renovations).

You can also make your own stipulations in the power of attorney document to limit what they can or cannot do with their money.

Remember, though, that you will need this person to make important decisions on your behalf, so you should choose someone you believe to be completely trustworthy and then allow them to make as many decisions as you're comfortable with.

Financial institutions, such as IG Wealth Management, allow you to name a trusted contact person for your accounts, who should be someone other than your attorney. This trusted contact person can help prevent financial abuse, (however, they cannot give instructions on your accounts).

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Ashley Bocek Photos

### Vivacious Tulips this Spring

Tulips are getting ready to bloom in Moosomin this spring! The left photo was taken in front of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Tuesday and the right taken on Wednesday.

**As part of the World-Spectator's Love to Shop Local draw, we asked readers to write and tell us what they love about local shopping. Below are their submissions:**



My wife and I have owned businesses in town for over 30 years, so we know how important this topic is!

When we opened our rental equipment business in 1987 it's ALL we had. It was either make it or starve, and starvation was always a great motivator!! Lol

From the business side I tried to look at things from the customers' view: how did our store look to them, were we greeting and treating people properly, were we price-competitive, did we have what the people wanted and if we didn't, could we get it for them?

Customers usually only complain because they have been treated poorly, charged too much or didn't get what they wanted and I always felt that I would do whatever it took to make it right because in smaller communities bad news travels fast and even faster in today's social space! It was hard enough keeping a customer, let alone having someone tell the world about a bad experience at our store,

and potentially scaring a new customer away before even giving us a try!

Another tidbit I learned was advertise/market your business when times are good because if/when it slows down, it'll be too late!

So to the businesses out there, try being your own customer sometime and see if you would shop in your store—if so good job, if not make some changes, because people (customers) have many, many choices these days. They won't come in just because you think they should! Make it easy for them to "SHOP LOCAL."

Love to Shop Local is one of my favorite saying to express with my friends, because I know that it helps the community. It's like the feeling that the people in community helping each other by means of supporting local.

It provides jobs for our residents and keeps businesses open.

**Norma N.**  
Kipling

To help support and keep building up our community. It's essential to keep the town thriving and to keep our children and elders in a place where they feel at home.

**Marianna L.**  
Virden, MB

Because everything feels and tastes more fresh and it feels welcoming.

**Alan**  
Grenfell

It doesn't take long to get to a store and the other stores are close by. It doesn't take much walking to pick up what I need, as I find walking difficult. The clerks are helpful.

**Susan P.**  
Kipling

Of course I love to to shop local. Where else do they greet you by name, with a big smile, and fill your every request?!

**Myrna D.**  
Elkhorn, MB

Local shops are rural folks. They consider your time as a farmer and also meet your needs. The local service stations, the ag dealers and stores give good service so that you can get back to the farm where life is the best and we can produce food and enjoy the homes that we built up.

**Wayne B.**  
Moosomin

**Cacelim B.**  
Virden, MB

I grew up in the small town of Manor, travelling over the years to Redvers and Carlyle. City life and shopping does not help the rural spots to survive and as you get older you appreciate smaller centres more. Also having lived in Moosomin in the 60's and having my grandparents living there at the time, Moosomin is still a community that I still like to shop in.

**Linda A.**  
Manor

Friendly service. Well stocked. Good variety.

**Carol R.**  
Wawota

Convenient. Great people. Products are available locally.

**Thelma H.**  
Elkhorn, MB

I love to shop local because we need to keep our small towns going. I do not drive to the city for my groceries and would be devastated if I had to run to another town to buy milk or bread. How can the elderly shop if everything was out of town?

**Diane B.**  
Wolseley

Great people who are truly invested in seeking what you need at a fair price and not all profit or numbers focused. Great service and people who care, making a living by being good people and selling to good people.

**Patrick L.**  
Whitewood

I love shopping in our stores in Virden. It is very important to support local businesses and their owners. If you want a community to survive and keep businesses in town, you must support them by shopping locally. It's a win-win situation for everyone! Thank you for being there for us.

**Susan I.**  
Virden, MB

To keep the businesses we know and love around for years to come!

**Flora R.**  
Rocanville

We moved to Moosomin a couple of years ago. We renovated a house and found that we could get everything we needed. Workers in all of the businesses were helpful and friendly.

**Pauline & Glenn V.**  
Moosomin

There are so many reasons to love shopping locally. One of the reasons is the fuss people make of my little girl! Even if they don't know her, everybody is so friendly and welcoming.

**Jodie**  
Pierson, MB

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# Playfair Day Care thrilled with Smile Cookie sales

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Thanks to strong community support, Smile Cookie sales in Moosomin were the highest in Saskatchewan for the second year in a row.

\$45,000 worth of Smile Cookies were sold in Moosomin, \$10,000 more than last year, more than any other community in Saskatchewan this year, and sixth in all of Canada.

All proceeds from the Smile Cookie sales in Moosomin will go towards funding the new Play Fair Daycare facility.

Jill Jones a Play Fair Daycare board member, says the board is happy to see the support from the community for the Smile Cookie fundraiser.

Jones says the money raised will make a huge impact on the new daycare project.

"It is going to make a huge difference. It's taken the whole community to come together to raise this money, and all of it just adds up. It is going to make a huge difference."

Jill says the daycare board is ecstatic and surprised by the total amount raised from the smile cookie sales. They can't believe the community's support in helping support the new day care.

"Without the town's support this daycare is not going to happen. As soon as you get the whole community behind it, and support from surrounding communities that will benefit from having this additional day care, it will happen."

## Smile Cookie sales exceed expectations

"I am very surprised by the total raised from the Smile Cookie donations. I kind of had the number in my head from last year and thought if we could do that, that would be great, and to see that the total has exceeded last year's by \$10,000, it is amazing."

Jones says seeing the level of community support is invigorating for the board.

"It makes us really proud," she said. "The mission we are on right now, this gives it purpose and reinvigorates us to make sure we get this project executed, and executed as quickly as we can. So, having the community's support is amazing. It is great!"

Moosomin Tim Hortons reached out to the daycare a while ago regarding the Smile Cookie sales supporting the current day care.

"Tim's approached us a while ago. They approached us before we even knew that we would have the opportunity to build a new building in the community. We kind of had our set sights on a different project that we still be able to get done. We wanted to reinvigorate the backyard at the current day care so we kind of thought we would be able to put that money towards it. Then, with the project of a whole new building coming on I think it just became more valuable that they approached us and gave us the opportunity to participate with them. Also, we have had applications submitted to the provincial government for years to grant us some extra spaces."

## Willing to help

"The community engagement that we saw, everyone was posting on Facebook, all the small community businesses stepped up huge, and even I had the opportunity to decorate some smile cookies, and I saw that we didn't even have to rely on a whole bunch of day care employees and board members."

"We had people from the community reaching out and wanting to participate



Above, a young Smile Cookie fan about to enjoy a Smile Cookie at Moosomin Tim Hortons, below JMC Cleaning Services staff and families decorate cookies during Smile Cookie Week in Moosomin.



and decorate cookies.

"That was huge, it was really awesome to see the community come together and support us in that way."

Also, seeing how Moosomin ended up in sales nationwide is incredible. How does a community our size even come close to being in the top 10 of Tim Hortons' businesses in the country? To be first

in Saskatchewan and sixth in the country is huge."

She says corporate sponsors were very willing to help support the Smile Cookie fundraiser and the future of the new day care.

"It was so easy talking to corporate sponsors because they just wanted to help. We even had some knocking on our

door after we had filled our quota of the sponsors that we could have. We still had people knocking on our door wanting to be sponsors."

## Next Steps

"The next steps are reviewing architectural design firm proposals," said Jones. "Once we have decided on the design for the new day care, I think it will give us a better idea of what a final budget could look like. Then, we will work through some geotechnical surveys and topographic surveys and then hoping to start earthworks, getting the land leveled and the site prepared come the fall. We have received some generous grants from the provincial government so far. In there, there is some small writing saying they want this day care up and operational the additional 90 new spots for Moosomin by the end of 2026. So, that is our goal."

She said the new daycare is a huge project. "It is a massive project. It's exciting to me and has so much purpose. This will be very beneficial to the community. There are 37 children that would start tomorrow if we could offer them spaces. It's huge to get these 90 spaces and to be able to accommodate those families. People are excited to know that it's coming. There are people that I run into on the street saying 'can you get that done tomorrow?'"

## Community support

Jones said the local media helped get the community behind the Smile Cookie campaign. "Without your guys help at the Spectator, helping us publicize and getting those posters out and put together, and getting everybody behind it, it wouldn't have been the success it was. We really appreciate it so thank you from the day care directly to the Spectator."

Jones says she will feel amazing once it the new day care is open to the public and children can attend.

"I think all throughout the process, every little step, I feel I have pride in that we are doing something positive for the community. To see that final build up and children start going there it is going to be awesome. It is going to be so great."

She said "I think I would be really ignorant to say it is going to be smooth sailing from here until it is built. I think one of the biggest hurdles is fundraising."

The price of construction has skyrocketed astronomically over the last few years, so I think once we get that final budget together and really figuring out how that funding structure will look and how we will get all the dollars to make the project happen will be our first biggest hurdle. After that we've got some really great members on the committee who have built buildings, worked with contractors of this scale, so we will be relying on their expertise."

## More fundraisers

The Smile Cookie campaign served as the kickoff for fundraising for the new daycare and Moosomin town council will donate proceeds of their barbecue July 12 to the day care.

"This project means so much to the community," said Jones. "It's good to see the Town Council is showing their support, Co-op has also approached us about some fundraising opportunities. People are proactively reaching out to us to help us fund the money. I think that speaks volumes of the commitment from the town and everyone's desire to make this project happen successfully."

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## Esterhazy Town Council

# Pair of fire bylaws passed in Esterhazy

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A pair of fire bylaws came before Esterhazy Town Council on May 8, the first concerning fire protection fees. "We set fees at our at the fire board meeting for what we were charged out for," Forster explained. "We've never put that into a bylaw, and we just had it as part of our fee structure."

The fire board notes representation from surrounding municipalities, including the RMs of Fertile Belt and Spy Hill, plus the Town of Gerald, Villages of Yarbo, and Spy Hill.

The reason for creating a bylaw cements that fire service fees are now a bylaw adopted by a motion, therefore public knowledge and cannot be disputed in the case of a property owner disagreeing with the fees.

"We had to put it into the bylaws, that way it becomes law, it's public knowledge," Forster confirmed. "Your fire insurance covers the cost of a firefighting force. You can't expect not to pay it."

Creating the bylaw instead of simply making a motion, as had been done previously, also protects a municipality from legal challenges should a dispute arise.

The Fire Protection Fees Bylaw received three readings and was passed unanimously by Council.

A second bylaw outlined an agreement specifically between the Town of Esterhazy and the RM and Village

of Spy Hill. All three municipalities will match with the same date listed. Again, the Fire Protection Services bylaw received three readings and was passed unanimously by Council.

## Wastewater pump contract renewed

Council motioned to accept a three-year contract with Xylem Water Solutions to perform inspections and servicing on the Town's lift station pumps. The company offered three quotes, one, two and three-year commitments, with Council agreeing to the third option coming in at \$9,155.

"It's somebody we've been doing business with," Mayor Grant Forster said of Xylem, noting the Town has been impressed with their work in the past. Under the three-year contract, Xylem is offering a favourable 10 per cent discount on services for the seven pumps in total.

## Noise bylaw extended

Acting on a request for Hazy Dayz festivities on June 8, Council moved to extend the noise bylaw from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.

"That's something we've done in the past," Forster noted. "It's a pretty routine request."

With a band performing during that evening, the extra hours were requested.

## Potash tax share to drop in 2026

There will be some major changes to what municipalities receive in potash tax sharing in the near future.

A correspondence item received by the Town noted Esterhazy will be receiving far less in two years.

"It's a huge drop, which is not real welcome news but we can't say it wasn't expected," said Forster. "We knew that once K1 and K2 shut down the underground operations that was going to affect the calculation in terms of what we're covered for. K3 doesn't generate the same amount of assessed values as K1 and K2 combined."

Forster foresees those numbers in 2026 dropping by a third to the \$240,000 range.

Other communities will also see a drop, but some municipalities will also realize an increase, depending on the calculation.

## Bylaw officer vacancy

Esterhazy will temporarily be waiting for a new bylaw officer, after receiving a letter of resignation.

"The officer that we had resigned, moved on through the Commissionaires, so we're going to be getting somebody new," Forster confirmed. "We don't know who that's going to be, so at the moment, we're without a Commissionaire. They told us they'd have somebody in place quickly, but I mean 'quickly' could mean a month or better."

## South East Cornerstone School Division

# School calendar for 2024-25 released

BY NORM PARK

The calendar that will dictate student and educator attendance in south-east Saskatchewan for the next academic year has been released.

Working in concert with the Holy Family Roman Catholic Separate School Division, the South East Cornerstone Public School Division released the calendar shortly after the conclusion of their April 24 open meeting held in the main conference room in the division's head office in Weyburn.

The calendar is drawn up after teachers and other staff members have been provided with school date options

they can vote on with the majority vote dictating the roll out of the upcoming academic calendar.

In the next school year, the formal action begins for students on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, right after Labour Day. Educators and some other staff members will be logged in earlier, however since they will be asked to show up as early as August 28 to begin the process of preparations for the new school year.

A traditional pattern will follow for such singular breaks such as Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day and Family Day.

The Christmas season break will begin on Monday,

December 23 and will continue through to January 6, the first day students will be required to return to classrooms since Friday, January 3 has been designated as a "day in lieu, no school."

The February break, sometimes referred to as a spring break will take place from February 17 through to February 21 (Monday to Friday).

The Easter break begins on Friday, April 18 and ends April 25 with classes resuming on April 28.

The final day of classes for students in SECPD will be June 26, 2025.

## South East Cornerstone School Division

# Cornerstone inks favourable land deal with Moosomin day care

BY NORM PARK

The South East Cornerstone Public School Division board members verified the details of a recent land deal when they met for their regular open business session in Weyburn on April 24.

The deal was most favourable for a new community day care centre that has been established near MacLeod Elementary School in Moosomin.

One acre of land near the school that had been owned by SECPD will now be purchased by the centre for the price of one dollar and is to be developed as a playground and activity space for the new centre that will cater to families and youngsters.

Devona Putland, the board member representing Moosomin and surrounding communities and schools, expressed thanks on behalf of the new centre's administra-

tion as well as MacLeod Elementary School, saying the area would be used effectively and efficiently with the development of the additional programs.

In other board business, a new policy handbook for board members has been updated and gained approval with a motion of acceptance during that same board

meeting.

The new school calendar for 2024-25 was also approved through a board motion (see related article).

The board members are slated to get together again on May 1 for a strategic planning session followed by a regular public session slated for May 22.

## NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

### TOWN OF WAPELLA

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Town of Wapella for the year of 2024 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the Office of the Assessor from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on the following days: Monday to Thursday, May 17, 2024 to June 17, 2024.

A bylaw pursuant to Section 214 of The Municipalities Act has been passed and the Assessment Notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to discuss the notice of assessment may contact the assessor at the Town of Wapella.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her Notice of Appeal, accompanied by a \$50 appeal fee, which will be returned if the appeal is successful, must be filed by the 17th day of June, 2024 with:

Secretary of the Board of Revision  
Western Municipal Consulting Ltd.  
Attn: Marlene Hassard  
Box 149, Meota SK S0G 4Z0

Dated this 17th day of May 2024.

Daphne Brady - Assessor

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# Appreciation banquet for Veterans and First Responders on May 16 in Virden

BY KEL SMITH,  
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Branch #8 of the Royal Canadian Legion located here in Virden is bringing back an appreciation banquet to honour our Veterans and First Responders. It is the first one since Covid—before Covid it was a common event for several years prior. The banquet is the Virden and area's way of saying thank-you to two groups of special people, with the Legion being the sponsor of this appreciation event.

The banquet is being held on Thursday, May 16 at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on Wellington Street West. Doors open at 5:30 pm with the banquet beginning around 6 pm. The banquet is a private event and is not open to the public.

When most people think of Veterans, they think of those from World War II, but this is no longer the case as most of them have passed away. When we say Veterans now, we should be thinking of the Korean War, the Cold War, the United

Nations Peace Keeping, the NATO operations, and those recently retired or have years of retirement behind them. This term of Veterans now includes members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who served Canada or did peace keeping duties in different parts of the world. RCMP Veterans are invited, and justly so, too. Veterans for this banquet also includes veterans from Allied Forces. The Veterans are invited to bring an escort with them.

The First Responders invited are the ones who serve Virden and the RM. All members of the Wallace District Fire Department (Fire Stations #1 and #2), with their escorts, are invited to this grand evening of fine food and company. Also invited are all members and administration staff of the Virden Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police plus escorts. Likewise, the Manitoba First Nations Police Service and escorts are invited. The Legion has also invited the sheriffs who serve the Virden Court and the Natural Resources Officer plus

our Paramedics based at the ambulance station here in Virden. All are invited to bring an escort as guests of the Legion.

The Branch #8 Ladies Auxiliary are cooking the supper, and they are great chefs. Our hats are off to them for taking on this task.

The theme for the evening will be the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Did you know that Virden was a Royal Canadian Air Force town during WWII? The RCAF Air Base was located where our present-day airport is. The Number 19 Elementary Flying Training School (EFTS) was in operation from 1941 to 1944. It graduated over 2,700 students. A quote from the Virden Empire Advance's reporter way back then said 'It housed a top-notch flight training school for the Royal Canadian Air Force pilots.' During those years, Virden had its only Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron which closed when the RCAF Air Base ceased operations.

The appreciation banquet is open to all Veterans and their escorts in Virden

and surrounding area (Oak Lake, Reston, Pipestone, Canupawakpa, Elkhorn, Mason, McAuley, Miniota, Kenton, Birtle, Russell, and Kirkella).

The dress for the event would be business suits, dress uniforms, high-end casuals, or for those on duty, then duty uniforms. Legion officials are requested to be in Legion dress.

A special mention here to the former militia members of the XII Manitoba Dragoons who are now in their 60's, 70's, and 80's. This event, the appreciation banquet, is meant for you, too. You signed up as a young man to serve Canada during the Cold War. You have every right to be here with other Veterans. You signed the dotted line to serve your nation. We hope to see you there, too!

The Ladies Auxiliary need to know a number before they purchase groceries. Please inform us if you're coming by May 12 by phoning 204-748-3321 or sending a message via e-mail to kelvonsmith@wcg-wave.ca giving the name and number of people coming with you.

## Your finances and dementia

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Naming more than one attorney can also add extra protection from financial abuse but is only recommended if the attorneys get along well (otherwise you could end up with them being unable to agree on decisions).

### Why joint ownership or ownership transfers can be a bad idea

Some people think that, when they start to suffer from dementia, it's a good idea to transfer ownership of their assets (such as their home or investments) to one or more of their children or make those assets jointly owned.

This can lead to a number of legal problems. For example:

-If the child gets divorced, their ex-spouse could claim part of the property.

-If the child declares bankruptcy, their creditors could put a lien on the shared property.

-You could trigger capital gains tax and speed up your income tax liabilities, rather than defer them.

Some people transfer the ownership of assets to reduce their care costs. However, care costs are usually based on your income, rather than your assets. Unless your asset generates significant income, retaining ownership is unlikely to have a drastic impact on your care costs, whereas changing ownership and realizing capital gains could.

Before making any decisions about transferring assets or making them jointly owned, discuss this with your financial advisor. They will be able to run the numbers and work out if there is a sufficient benefit to be gained by this strategy.

Instead of making your children owners or joint owners of your assets, it usually makes more sense to simply name them as your attorneys in your power of attorney for property (they can make financial decisions on your behalf without being owners). There will be less chance of litigation issues, plus you'll be more confident of having enough money to look after yourself during your lifetime.

### Tax considerations for people with dementia

There are several federal tax credits in place that can be beneficial to people with dementia and their families, including:

- Disability tax credit
- Canada caregiver credit
- Medical expense tax credit
- Home accessibility tax credit

However, it's really important to consult with an accountant who understands this field well first, before applying for any of these credits. Claiming one credit might prevent you from claiming another credit or deduction that could be more valuable.

### Start a financial discussion

If you or a family member has been diagnosed with dementia, it pays to set up a meeting with your IG advisor as soon as possible. They'll be able to help you set up

an estate plan that can help protect your finances in both the near term and the future. If you don't have an IG advisor, you can find one here.

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4. Each tender must be accompanied by a \$5,000.00 deposit cheque payable to Meighen Haddad LLP. Deposits accompanying unacceptable tenders will be returned.
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# Highway 9 also in the top 10: Highway 8 named the worst in Saskatchewan

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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Highway 8 in southeast Saskatchewan has been named the worst highway in Saskatchewan because of the potholes, and Highway 9 north of Whitewood is also in the top 10, placing eighth for poor road maintenance.

"We have 250,000 kilometres of roads. That's the highest length of road surface compared to any other province," said Angel Blair, Senior Communications Specialist with CAA Saskatchewan. "The big thing with Saskatchewan is because we're landlocked, these roads are often really vital roads used for business or travel. When they deteriorate, it's the road users and the towns, communities, and cities that pay the price."

All through the month of April, road users across the province nominated and voted on what they felt were the worst roads in Saskatchewan, with Blair being 'roving reporter' - interviewing road users in Eston, Hudson Bay, Whitewood, Redvers and Pilot Butte.

"It was it was really interesting talking to them, and we love doing it. We got some really great comments and there are serious safety concerns," Blair said. "The comments we've heard is, if you can't haul your camper down to the local park, that's a problem. It's a safety concern. Not only does it wreck your vehicle, cause damage and cost you money, but it's also now affecting the area's tourism—that's money coming out of the community. That's really important for a lot of communities."

Blair noted receiving thousands of votes during the 20-day nomination period.

"You don't necessarily want to be number one on the worst roads list, but if you are in our top 10, the good news is the top 10 do get a lot of publicity," she explained. "What we do with the winners—our top 10—is we share it with stakeholders—that's government and business leaders. We hope that sparks conversation; we hope that sparks action."

The attention drawn to terrible roads hopefully results in a positive outcome, as Blair remarked, "if a road gets fixed, that means that road is a winner."

Saskatchewan Highways Minister Lori Carr told the World-Spectator in March that work will be completed this summer of resurfacing the mine road from Rocanville to the Nutrien Rocanville mine site, a large patching program will take place on Highway 8 between Moosomin and Rocanville, and work will begin this year on design for resurfacing the section between Moosomin and Rocanville.

The World-Spectator spoke with Carr following a meeting she had with Moosomin MLA Steven Bonk, RM of Moosomin Reeve David Moffatt and



Patching is being done on Highway 8, which is slated to be repaired completely by 2025. Sunette Kamffer photo

RM of Rocanville Reeve Melissa Ruhland to discuss the state of the highway.

"I think the meeting was really respectful," she said. "The community just put forward the issues that they see with the road and then we had the opportunity to respond with what work is coming and what's taking place on there right now."

"They brought up the condition of the road, the amount of traffic that it has, the economic corridor that it is to the mine—just all of the things that make that road so important to all of the communities around there."

Carr told the World-Spectator she understands the local concerns. "Their concerns are all very valid and I completely understand where they're coming from," she said.

"The on-road construction is expected to begin in 2024, so this summer. There will be a major improvement on Highway 8 northeast of Rocanville to the Nutrien potash mine. This is a 14.6 km long project which is estimated to cost approximately \$15.1 million. That's an investment that the Government of Saskatchewan is making."

"Then of course there's the other section of road that goes all the way back into Moosomin and right now the speed limit has been reduced to 80 km/hr because there are very rough conditions."

She said design work on resurfacing the Moosomin to Rocanville section will begin soon.

"The design work will be started this year for the remainder of the section of that road that comes back down to Moosomin," she said.

A little further west is Highway 9 - gaining notoriety for 'repeat offender' status on the CAA's top 10 list. What makes this stretch of highway connecting Whitewood with points north such as Esterhazy so hazardous is a particular portion through the Qu'Appelle Valley.

"I know there's people that are literally bypassing the Number 9 and using the 47 and other ways to get by this area because they just refuse to travel on the 9," said Grant Forster, Mayor of Esterhazy. "Anything that makes it easier for us to get people here is definitely something that is a good thing for us."

Losing travellers to poor road conditions has a definite economic impact, but Forster also pointed to those with no other option but to take the Number 9. "Not just on the economic side, but for people that have to travel to Regina for medical—I know my daughter's going in on Thursday and she's dreading the trip," he said.

The provincial government announced in their recent March budget some \$741 million being spent over the next fiscal year (\$404 million of that being capital projects) on 1,100 km of highways across the province - promising 15 km south of the valley on Highway 9 as part of repaving efforts.

"It needs to be done. That was good news with the budget when they announced that they were going to be repaving that section. It's awful," Forster said.

When contacted for comment, the Ministry of Highways spoke to concerns on both highways, providing a clearer picture of what the maintenance process will look like in coming months.

For Highway 8, ongoing maintenance work will be happening subject to weather and seasonal conditions.

"The Ministry of Highways continues working on a design for the reconstruction of Highway 8 between Moosomin and Rocanville," said a ministry spokesperson. "This project has been identified as a priority and is part of the ministry's five-year capital plan. No firm costs are

available for a reconstruction project of Highway 8 between Moosomin and Rocanville, as design options are being evaluated."

Construction is expected to begin this year from Rocanville to the Nutrien Potash Mine, which will see around \$15.1 million devoted to the 14.6 km stretch, anticipated to be complete before year end.

The highway has seen

more than a few dollars spend over the years with \$75,000 invested in routine maintenance last year in the Moosomin area, and \$540,000 in government dollars over the past five years.

As for Highway 9, there will be \$11 million spent between two projects near Whitewood.

Highway 9 south of Whitewood will see 15 km

of road resurfacing, totaling \$3.1 million, and will also include safety improvements at the Richardson Pioneer Access point/road," the Ministry said. "More than \$7.9 million is allocated to repave almost 19 km of Highway 9 north of Whitewood."

Both projects are set to begin this season with end dates again subject to weather.



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SGT. DAMIEN GROUCHY

# Moosomin RCMP Report

## Changes to impaired driving that came into effect in 2018

I just wanted to go over some of the changes to Impaired Driving that came into effect in 2018. The reason for this is some people have inquired about how the law has changed.

Below are some of the changes that came into effect with Bill C-46:

- It is an offence to have a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) at or over 80 mg up to two hours after driving.

- It is an offence to operate a motor vehicle with a prohibited blood drug content (BDC) within two hours of driving. That limit is 5 mg of THC/ml of blood.

- There is a zero tolerance for illegal drugs, some examples cocaine, meth, LSD, PCP to name a few. Zero tolerance means that if there was any detectable level in one's blood.

- The new drug schedules do not cover all illegal substances and do not cover most prescription medication. (Yes, you can be charged with impaired operation with prescription medication.) The use of a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) would assist with these impaired investigations.

- Refusal charges are largely unchanged. If you refuse to provide breath same during a demand you will be charged with refusal, a refusal charge carries the same penalty as being charged with impaired operation.

- Police officers can now conduct a Mandatory Alcohol Screening demand. Police can make the demand and does not need grounds to make the demand. The section requires that the demand be made:

1. By a peace officer
2. Who has an ASD in his or her possession
3. Who has lawfully stopped or detained a motorist

- In Saskatchewan (excluding any Provincial or Criminal Code laws) a motorist can be pulled over to ensure they have a valid licence, registration and to check for driver sobriety.

- Breath and Blood demands. An officer need no longer needs reasonable and Probable Grounds (RPGs) to believe the subject was operating a motor vehicle within the preceding 3 hours in order to make a breath demand. He or she need only have RPGs to believe the person has operated a motor vehicle while their ability to do so was impaired.

- The drug-testing provisions include a very significant change. Not only can an officer make a DRE demand, he or she can also make a blood demand directly without going through the DRE process. As with the DRE demand, the officer must have RPGs to believe the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle is impaired by drug. Blood samples must be taken by a medical practitioner or qualified technician.

- The Criminal Code has replaced "Motor Vehicle" with "Conveyance" so for an impaired charge the charge reads impaired operation of a conveyance.

- Conveyance means a motor vehicle, vessel, aircraft or railway equipment. This includes boats, ATV's etc.

## Abandoned vehicle near Fleming

On May 3, members received a call of an abandoned vehicle on a grid road near Fleming. Members contacted the owner and learned it was not stolen and they advised they would arrange pick-up.

## Dogs attack in Wapella

On May 3, members received a complaint of a dog attack in Wapella. The caller reported group of pitbulls had attacked their daughter. Members spoke with the complainants and town office. Members were advised they would proceed with enforcement. No injuries were reported on file.

## Male walking on Highway 1

On May 3, members received a complaint of a male walking on Highway 1. Members located the male and they were provided a courtesy ride to Moosomin.

## Unwanted person at residence

On May 3, members received a complaint of an unwanted person at a residence on Moose Street in Moosomin. Once members were cleared from a prior call and were able to attend, members were informed the person had left and members were no longer required.

## Intoxicated and beaten up

On May 4, members received a 911 hang up from an individual on Kahkewistahaw First Nation. The male reported he was intoxicated, unsure where he was and had been beaten up. Members patrolled the area and checked two houses close to the ping. Members found no emergency and no further calls were received.

## Hitch hiking to Regina

On May 4, members received a complaint of a suspicious male sleeping in the median on Highway 1. Members had previous dealings with that person and they were hitchhiking to Regina.

## Broken down at Manitoba border

On May 6, members received a number of calls of and individual broke down on Highway 1 near the Manitoba border with six dogs. Members attended and the male was not in any need of help. The members let the male use his phone so he could arrange a ride.

## Unwanted person/mischief

On May 7, members were called to a residence on Kahkewistahaw First Nation regarding an unwanted person/mischief complaint. Members ended up attending the residence twice. The second time the intoxicated subject was arrested and lodged in Broadview cells to sober up.

## Load of shingles not secure

On May 7, members received a report of a motorist hauling shingles and their load was not secure. Patrols were made and the vehicle was not located.

## Possible impaired driver

On May 7, members received a complaint of a possible impaired driver on Kahkewistahaw First Nation. Members were provided with the make and model of the vehicle but no suspect or plate. Members located a vehicle matching the description parked at a residence. Members spoke with residents at the house but were unable to confirm who was driving.

## Driving the wrong direction

On May 7, members received a complaint of a vehicle traveling the wrong direction on Highway 1 near Moosomin. Patrols were negative and no further calls were received.

## Unwanted person on Moose St.

On May 7, members were dispatched to an unwanted person at a residence on Moose Street in Moosomin. Members attended and removed the subject. The complainant did not wish to proceed with any charges.

## Stolen ride-on lawn mower

On May 8, members received a complaint of a stolen ride-on lawn mower from Welwyn. Moosomin is requesting anyone with information about this incident to contact the Moosomin RCMP by calling 306-435-3361. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip

online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com)

## Wellbeing check in Wapella

On May 9, members received a wellbeing check request on an individual in Wapella. It was reported the individual's vehicle alarm had been going off for some time. Members attended and subsequently gained entry to the residence and the individual was taken to Moosomin Hospital for assessment.

## Expired plates and drugs

On May 9, members initiated a traffic stop in Rocanville on a vehicle with expired plates. Two individuals were arrested on outstanding warrants and members ended up seizing 13.5 grams of meth.

## Tips to protect yourself

I just wanted to provide some tips regarding frauds:

- Never give out personal information like your name, address, SIN or banking information over unsolicited calls or emails.

- Use strong passwords for online accounts.

- Do your research. If someone is asking you for money or payment, make sure they are who they say they are. Watch out for fraudsters that are spoofing companies or charities.

- When buying things from online sellers, try to inspect or test the item you are buying before purchase. If that's not possible, ask them for more pictures, receipts or other information.

- Don't be afraid to say no! Don't be intimidated by high-pressure sales tactics or requests to send money right away. Walk away or hang up the phone.

- Anyone can become a victim of fraud—you are not alone. Fraudsters can be very convincing, relentless in achieving their goal and targeting people's emotions and kindness.

- If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report it to your local police detachment. If you receive a phone call you believe to be a scam or fraudulent, you can report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. You can report by phone (Toll free: 1-888-495-8501) or online here: <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm>

## End the mental health stigma

As we all work together to end the stigma surrounding mental illness, now more than ever, every action counts. Whether you take the time to listen to a loved one, encourage a friend to ask for help, or educate yourself about mental health challenges. Be the solution. Be kind. Educate yourself. Listen and ask. Talk about it. Let's change the way we view mental illness. If you or someone you know is struggling, Reach out. If you or someone you know is in crisis or has thoughts of self harm, take action.

- Call 9-1-1

- Go to the nearest hospital or emergency department

- Call Crisis Services Canada at 1-833-456-4566.

## Take precautions when consuming illicit drugs

Moosomin RCMP is urging the public who consumes illicit drugs to take special precautions when using:

- Never use alone,

- Let someone you trust know of your plans to use,

- Always carry a Naloxone kit. They are available free of charge at many locations in the province,

## Joke of the week

A police officer pulled me over, looked at my licence and said, "You should be wearing glasses." I told the officer I had contacts. The police officer told me he didn't care who I knew and gave me a ticket anyway.

Have a safe week and take care, from your friendly Moosomin RCMP.

## Looking Back

### Five years ago, 2019:

Moosomin Pharmasave donated \$10,000 to the Moosomin Generals football program for their locker room project. The Generals were in the process of building a 2,100-square-foot building with locker rooms, bathrooms and showers for both girls and boys, and for visiting teams.

### Ten years ago, 2014:

Statistics Canada said that Saskatchewan's jobless rate was the lowest ever recorded for the province. The federal agency said the seasonally adjusted figure came in at 3.4

per cent. It also marked the 16th straight month that Saskatchewan had the lowest unemployment rate in Canada.

The board of Pipestone Villas decided to move forward with a second phase of the development between Henry Street and Wright Road in Moosomin.

### Fifteen years ago, 2009:

A fire at the University of Regina forced a group of band students from Rocanville and Maryfield out of their accommodations. A total of 11 students in Grades 9 to 12—eight from Rocanville and three from Maryfield—were in Regina

for a concert band workshop that weekend.

The Moosomin Branch was recognized by the Southeast Regional Library for an outreach program that served local people living in five senior residences. Christie McGonigal, librarian at the Moosomin Branch, ran the program with volunteers Myrna Svendsen and Jan Skulmoski.

### Twenty years ago, 2004:

The Moosomin McNaughton Marquee Theatre Company won four of seven major awards at the provincial drama festival in North Battleford; The

Rocanville Museum board presented Phyllis Ore with a Donna Jack original painting of Rocanville in recognition of her volunteer efforts in the community over the last 40 years.

### One hundred years ago, 1924:

New York City spent \$35,000,000 each year for hospital maintenance according to a report issued by the United Hospital Fund. Of the total, more than \$10,000,000 was spent on food. Cost per meal ranged from 15 cents in general hospitals to 34 cents in maternity institutions.



This was the front page of The World-Spectator five years ago on May 13, 2019.





Olha Volokh photos



The Creative Vision Choir and Moosomin Community Band hosted a Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 7. The concert featured Broadway, Disney and pop tunes, and was held at Bethel United Church.

**Clockwise from top of page:** The band performing. The church was packed that night; Jarrod Slugoski singing Razzle Dazzle; Olivia Brooks singing Over the Rainbow; Izac Mactal singing Maria; The Creative Vision Choir; and the CVP Kids Choir.





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