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These renderings by Burns Maendel Consulting Engineers show the proposed expansion of Moosomin's airport. The new runway would run northwest-southeast in line with the prevailing winds. A new access road, taxiway, and apron would be built on the road allowance that the current runway is built on.

### \$1,242,700 committed to airport in total:

## Plans coming together for airport expansion

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With Jeff St. Onge and Dr. Schalk Van
Der Merwe leading the charge, municipalities firmly behind the project, corporate and individual donations starting to come in, and support from the provincial government's CAP Program, expansion of Marshall McLeod Airport is on its way.

So far, 14 municipalities (12 in Saskatchewan and two in Manitoba) have contributed \$822,500 and corporate and private contributions add up to \$145,200, including a \$100,000 donation from Conexus last week.

That brings the total raised locally so far

The provincial government contributed \$275,000 through the CAP program last year—the largest contribution the province made to any airport project in 2019.

That provincial commitment brings the total for the airport expansion project to \$1,242,700.

There is an application in for another

CAP grant this year. David Horth of the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure says the province sees the value in community airports.

"Community airports are important transportation infrastructure playing a key role in providing vital services like air ambulance, law enforcement, and wildfire fighting," he said.

The airport expansion plan began in 2018 with a need for a rebuilt runway, lighting, and navigation equipment to ac-commodate the Saskatchewan Air Ambu-

The need for the airport expansion became clear with the centralization of health services in Saskatchewan, with stroke ser

services in Saskatchewan, with stroke services and pediatric services being centralized in Saskatoon.

"When you have a stroke, when the paramedics pick you up they don't even triage you at a hospital, they drive you straight to Yorkton," says St. Onge.

"You're assessed at Yorkton, then they drive you to Saskaton."

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## Plans coming together for airport expansion

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The difference in time it takes a ground ambulance and air ambulance to get to Saskatoon can be crucial. "An air ambulance can get to Saskatoon in 49 minutes while a ground ambulance can take four hours," said St. Onge.
"There are three ways of transporting patients—ground, helicopter and fixed wing. Right now we only have two options, ground and helicopter. We don't have an option other than ground for Saskatoon. Our stroke patients and our pediatric patients have to get to Saskatoon, and Sas-katchewan Air Ambulance is the only way to do that ef-

#### Big impact

Thompson, head of Saskatchewan Air Ambulance, said the improved airport would make a difference for everyone in a one hour radius of Mossomin.

everyone in a one nour radius of Moosomin.

St. Onge said the air ambulance being able to serve the area would have a big impact. "This would impact 20,000 people," said St. Onge.

"The airport just doesn't work for the Air Ambulance," said St. Onge. "There are no lights. We are down to 50 per cent runway because it is dark half the time."

The softness of the gravel runway has also caused probleme "Speak and ruis can seawed probleme" seek and have

lems. "Snow and rain can cause problems, so we have 20 per cent availability here, and that is nowhere near enough for it to be consistently used."

#### Fundraising continues

The fundraising efforts continue for the airport expansion, but as of now there's no finalized number on how much it could cost.

much it could cost.

"As of today we do not have a final number on the total cost of the airport," said Kendra Lawrence, RM of Moosomin administrator. "That will come once the 66 per cent design is completed by Burns Maendel. So we're hoping in the next few weeks we'll see where that number actually for

in the next few weeks we'll see where that number actually is.

St. Onge said now that design is well advanced, the committee will be looking for more corporate and individual contributions to help make the plans a reality.

"We're looking at major fundraising kickoff pretty much today." he said.

With Conexus recently contributing \$100,000 to the effort, it takes the current grand total of funds raised locally to \$967,700, and the 2019/2020 Community Airport Partnership (CAP) funding approved for \$2275,000 in on

Partnership (CAP) funding approved for \$275,000 in on top of that.

Other donations have started coming in from the business community. Rotave Sanitation in the RM of Moosomin recently donated \$5,000 to the airport expansion

St. Onge says the provincial government is impressed with the local support for the project. "When I was speaking to somebody from the ministry they said it was absolutely unheard of to have that level of buy in on a CAP application," said St. Onge. The CAP program provides funding to community-owned airports in Saskatchewan.

According to the Ministry of Highways and Infrastruc-ture, the \$275,000 the airport expansion project received from the CAP program is the maximum annual allowable

trom the CAP program is the maximum annual allowable contribution.

"Almost \$7 million has been invested in community airports since 2007 and coupled with 50-50 matching community contributions the program has generated \$14 million in airport rehabilitation," according the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.

The committee has also applied for a 2020/2021 CAP grant. Airports can submit applications for this year's CAP allowance until March 20.

A total of 36 different communities have benefited from

the program since 2007 according to the Ministry

#### Strong buy-in

So far 14 municipalities have contributed to the expansion, including two in Manitoba.

"Every municipality has bought in to some degree," said Lawrence. "There are some municipalities that didn't contribute funds but gave us a letter of support behind the project for the CAP application. The 14 municipalities have raised \$822,500 so far.

#### **Economic impact**

Although the health aspect is the major factor with the airport improvements, it is projected to have a major economic impact. "The health impact is number one," says RM of Moosomin Reeve David Moffatt.

"But what this would bring to the community in terms of economic development and benefits for the businesses in the community is huge. The health impact is very, very important, but there is even more to it than that."

"It would bring in \$2.4 million worth of economic value

to the area per year," said St. Onge.
"And that was from a 2002 ministry evaluation of how

much economic benefit a community receives from an airport, translated into 2018 dollars."

The financial gain comes from business traffic/opportunities. Traffic from Air Ambulance, STARS, charters,

police aircraft, search and rescue, business planes/jets, agribusiness aircraft, etc.
The airport committee has been working with Burns Maendel Consulting Engineering Ltd. since August. Burns Maendel, has already done soil samples of the run-

As of now the land for the new runway has not been

purchased, but an intent to purchase has been signed.

The airport is located one mile northeast of Moosomin and the runway will be realigned Northwest to Southeast with prevailing winds.

A new access road will be developed on a road allow-

A new access road will be developed on a road allowance south of the current airport.

The plan is for a 5,000 foot runway with a taxiway, apron, threshold lighting, Transportation Canada Area Navigation (RNAV), and Automated Weather Observation Services (AWOS).

Along with the new airport will be improved fueling

Along with the new airport will be improved fueling equipment.

The navigation side has a two-year window for approval so there's a need to apply now to be certified.

"We need to be ahead of the game or what ends up happening is you pave this beautiful runway and nobody can come in for two years because you don't have a certified approach," said St. Onge.

"There are a lot of balls are in the air at once and a lot of things have been happening, but from the outside looking in it doesn't look like anything has happened."

In terms of time frame on the project the committee has an idea of when the airport could be up and running.

"There are a number of things we need to do," says Moffatt.

Moffatt.

"We need to trigger the CAP grant coming up, and once we have some numbers from the engineers we can nail down the best way to do that."

The committee expects fully engineered drawings and moving some earth and placing aggregate by Summer 2020, and putting down pavement by 2021.

"It's very exciting to see the support and the people coming together," said St. Onge.

"It's one thing to have an idea but when others take it and run with it, it's very exciting to see."





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## Theo Fleury to speak at **Esterhazy Mental Health Gala**

BY ROB PAUL LJI REPORTER

On Saturday May, 23 the S.N. Boreen Centre in Esterhazy will be holding a mental health gala. The keynote speaker at the gala will be former NHL All-Star Theo

The gala will be raising money for PJ Gillen School's outdoor classroom along with educating the people in attendance on the importance of mental health.

Fleury will be presenting "The Power of Me Too." A story about his struggles with mental health and the value of hope and perseverance.

Originally from Southeast Sas-katchewan, Fleury went onto have one of the most successful NHL careers of the 90s.

He was an NHL All-Star, Stanley Cup champion, and an Olympic gold medalist.

Fleury played in the NHL for 15 seasons with the Calgary Flames, Colorado Avalanche, New York Rangers, and Chicago Blackhawks. He's 64th all-time in NHL

He's 64th all-time in NHL points with 1,088 in 1,084 games. Prior to the NHL he played his major junior hockey in the WHL for the Moose Jaw Warriors before being drafted in the eighthround of the 1987 NHL Entry Draft by Calgary.

Known for his small stature and energetic play. Fleury was a

and energetic play, Fleury was a fan favourite in the NHL for years

until surprisingly retiring in 2003.

In his 2009 autobiography,
Playing with Fire, Fleury detailed
his struggles with addiction and
mental health stemming from
years of sexual abuse at the hands



A rendering of the outdoor classroom that PJ Gillen School is raising funds for.

of his former coach, Graham

James was convicted of multiple sexual assaults including that of Fleury and fellow former NHL

player Sheldon Kennedy.

Since retiring to deal with his mental health, Fleury has gotten sober and is now a leading voice in relational trauma.

Relational trauma is the harm done to a person by another in marital or primary relationships through either physical, emotional, or sexual abuse.

His focus is on educating the public on the prevalence and signs of emotional injury.

Fleury wants to change the mindset for victims of trauma. He preaches that they're not victims, but survivors.

Fleury says helping others has helped him get stronger and healthier.

He teaches the power of self-forgiveness and self-love as the positive step needed in emotional

and spiritual recovery. He has become a major advocate for men talking about mental health, specifically between the ages of 30 and 50. It's known as an underrepresented group in the

mental health community.

For his work with mental health, Fleury has been awarded the Canadian Humanitarian Award and the Queen's Jubilee Medallion.

Not only is the mental health gala for Fleury to address the importance of dealing with trauma, but it's raising funds for PJ Gillen School's outdoor classroom. PJ Gillen School wants to pro-

vide students with an outdoor classroom to help them focus on their mental health. It will also give students a new setting for learning opportunities.

earming opportunities.
"In the past, we have spent a
lot of time talking about student
physical health. Mental health
has to be considered just as important," said PJ Gillen School
Principal Kelsey Shields.
"It's not something we can often see therefore sometimes easi-

ten see, therefore sometimes easi-er to pass over," said Shields. "We need to shift our mindset for our students and our staff."

The outdoor classroom includes an area honouring the First Nations.

It will feature the inlaid medicine wheel, seven reading hutches each focusing on one of the seven Sacred First Nations Teachings.

The teachings are love, respect, courage, honesty, wisdom, humility, and truth.
Fleury has done a lot of work

with First Nations communities throughout his career.

He's a Siksika Nation Honor-ary Chief and recipient of the Ab-original Inspire Award. Fleury is of Métis descent and his grand-mother is Cree.

In total the outdoor classroom will have a circular paved patio where the First Nations will be honoured, an outdoor classroom with permanent cover, a greenhouse and garden plots, a sand-box, and seating area.

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**Esterhazy Mental Health Gala** 



Theo Fleury

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The outdoor classroom is expected to cost \$110,000. PJ Gillen School has raised \$43,258 so far.

The mental health gala will also include dinner. music, and an auction.

"Theo has a strong message," said Shields. We are excited to share that message with our community to bring light to a topic that is necessary to talk about."

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## Wagantall wants to see a solution to restricted Esterhazy postal box access

By Kara Kinna Yorkton-Melville MP Cathay Wagantall says she would like to see a solution to the restricted to see a solution to the restricted postal box access in Esterhazy, and she was sitting down with members of Esterhazy Town Council to discuss what can be done about the situation.

done about the situation.

Access to postal boxes was restricted from 8:30 pm to 5 pm as of Dec. 16 after a number of incidents of vandalism and theft to postal boxes at the Esterhazy Post office. The incidents prompted Canada Post to lock the doors to the building at 5 pm once staff had left for the day, so as not to leave the boxes unsuas not to leave the boxes unsupervised

The move has led to com-plaints from Esterhazy residents who cannot get their mail be-tween those hours, and led to Esterhazy Town Council writing a letter to Canada Post asking them to consider less restricted

"I've had conversations with people of Facebook and I have a meeting with town council," said Wagantall. "I find it frustrating, not just as a resident, but with the fact that this is our Crown corporation and they are basically downloading this onto the communities to deal with, and that's very frustrating and not really acceptable.

"I'm going to talk with (Mayor)



Grant (Forster) and town council and get a little bit more of the details of what we think Canada Post should be doing to improve circumstances. It is a growing issue. Online I'm seeing people say we have the super boxes and they get broken into, mail gets taken out of our boxes on our houses, so they are saying it's just a reality, but at the same time we are a mining town and people are on shifts and we are rural, and people don't get their mail delivered to their homes. So this is the circumstance that we face.

circumstance that we face.
"I'm hopping there is something
that can be done, where there is
co-operation at least on the part
of the post office. They really
need to be prepared, I believe, to
hire someone to come and take

care of opening and closing the doors, so that people get their mail outside of business hours. If you're downtown Esterhazy that's a different dynamic."

Wagantall says her office has spoken to Canada Post about the

"Their response is, unfortu-nately, that this is happening more and more and our first responsibility is to protect the mail. And I don't disagree with that, it needs to be protected, but it also needs to be accessible. That's their role," she says. Wagantall says the restricted hours are a big inconvenience for

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journed to February 5. He first appeared in court in November, when he asked that he be given 60 days to gather a retainer and asked that he be given an exception to his curfew to allow him to work, telling the judge that he works as a political candidate.



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After being charged with aggravated assault and assault causing bodily harm after a November incident in Regina that sent two women to hospital, Travis Patron sent a letter to Queen Elizabeth asking that a parallel legal system be set up for members of the Canadian Nationalist Party, then in January issued a video and statement saying he will not comply with the laws of Canada and claims "Diplomatic Immunity"

The charges are from an incident in Regina No-vember 2, when Patron is accused of assaulting two women who declined his

offer of rides home.

According to the Regina Police Service, police were called shortly before 2:30 a.m. on Nov. 2 to the 1900 block of Victoria Avenue for a report that two women, aged 33 and 43, had been assaulted. The women were taken to hospital for treatment.
Police said the women

and a man had spoken earlier that evening.
It's alleged the man of-

fered them rides home and that, when his offer was declined, the assaults occurred.

Police attempted to speak to the suspect near the scene later that night but he refused to speak

with them.

They made some inquiries and determined Patron was the suspect and subsequently laid the

charges.
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ideas for a photo booth you'll love.
Sequins. For an old Hollywood feel, choose white, silver or gold. Or put a mod-ern spin on it and choose reversible sequins that your guests can play with to change the

 Flowers. A wall of flowers is the per fect romantic backdrop. Match the blooms to your wedding colours or opt for white or red roses. Alternatively, create an ombre effect from light to dark using a variety of flowers in an array of hues.

• Balloons. The trick to nailing a balloon backdrop is to use balloons in various sizes and shapes. Choose pastel tones for a soft look or go for bright colours for a more whimsical touch.

 Wood. A wall of wood planks decorated with ivy and twinkle lights will make your guests feel like they're hanging out on your back porch. This backdrop is well-suited to a rustic or country themed wedding.

Don't forget to include props to take photos with. Frames, hats and mustaches on sticks are classic, as are comic book-style word bubbles with fun messages on them.



The question was popped and the proposal joyfully accepted. Now it's time to plan the wedding. Here's a month-by-month checklist to make sure you don't forget

#### 12 MONTHS BEFORE

- · Decide on the type of wedding you'd like (civil or religious, big or small)
- · Choose a date
- · Determine the number of guests
- · Establish a budget
- · Pick venues for the ceremony and reception (it's best to reserve early)

#### 11 MONTHS REFORE

- · Make your guest list
- · Choose a caterer (meet with a few first)
- · Select your wedding party · Hire a wedding planner

#### 10 MONTHS BEFORE

- · Start shopping for a wedding dress
- · Decide on a theme for your wedding
- · Choose an officiant if you haven't already done so

#### 9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book a photographer Reserve a block of hotel rooms for your out-of-
- town guests Purchase a wedding gown · Shop for the groom's attire
- and purchase it 8 MONTHS BEFORE
- · Meet with your officiant to plan your ceremony
- Book your entertainment (DJ, band, MC, etc.)
- · Shop for and purchase
- your bridesmaids' dresses Design and order the wedding invitations and savethe-date cards

#### 7 MONTHS BEFORE

- · Create a gift registry
- Hire a florist
- Plan your honeymoon 6 MONTHS BEFORE
- · Send out the save-the-date cards
- · Book your hair and makeup appointments for the day of (also schedule trial runs for both)
- · Book a hotel room for the wedding night if necessary

#### 5 MONTHS BEFORE

- · Create a schedule for the big day
- · Decide on dates for bache-
- lor and bachelorette parties Shop for and purchase shoes, jewelry and acces-

#### sories 4 MONTHS BEFORE

- · Reserve wedding day transportation
- for the wedding party · Select alcohol and other
- drinks for the reception
- · Taste and choose your
- wedding cake

  Buy wedding bands
- · Shop for and order the

## groomsmen's attire 3 MONTHS BEFORE

- · Purchase wedding favours for your guests
- · If you'd like your loved ones to say or read something during the ceremony, let them know
- · Write down your vows
- · Decide on activities for the reception (photo booth, dancing, games, etc.)

#### 2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Send out your wedding invitations
- · Do trial runs for both hair
- and makeup Give your music selections

#### to the DJ or MC 1 MONTH BEFORE

- Finalize the schedule for the big day
- Choose a seating plan
- for the reception

#### Break in your shoes 1 WEEK BEFORE

- · Visit the desired beauty professionals (hair colour-
- ist, esthetician, etc.) · Practise reading your vows
- · Write out cheques to pay

#### your vendors 1 DAY BEFORE

- Get your nails done
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Are you looking for a way to make your wedding a little different? Any of these fun food or drink stations are sure to get your guests talking.

Instead of passed hors d'oeuvres, cre-ate a fun snack bar. Pickles, charcuterie or even popcorn with various toppings are all great ideas for a laid back crowd. For a more luxurious touch, try an oyster bar or sushi station.

#### Dessert

Forgo the traditional wedding cake and rougo the transitional weeting case and offer your guests their choice of dessert. From donuts and pies to cupcakes and your favourite childhood cereals, any-thing goes. For summer weddings, cool down with ice cream, gourmet ice pops or

Late night eats
After several hours of dancing and drinking, your guests will be ready for a late night snack. Think French fries with different dipping sauces, grilled cheese sandwiches or even a make-your-owntaco bar.

While many weddings have a cocktail bar, you can also offer fresh juice, your favourite craft sodas or beers from nearby microbreweries. Or, a coffee bar complete microfreweries. Or, a corree bar complete with flavoured syrups is a great way to en-courage the party to keep going all night. Remember to tailor the food or drink station to your wedding and location. This

will personalize the experience and make



Some food bars can even do double duty as your wedding favours if you provide cute boxes or jars alongside your pickles, cookies, candy or anything else that's easy to transport.

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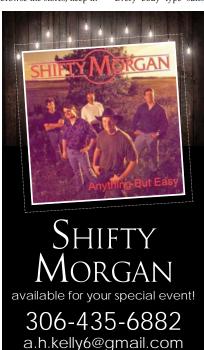
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This is your graduation formal, the day you've been dreaming of, so naturally you want to find a dress that you love and that turns heads. As you browse the stores, keep in

mind your body type and complexion. two elements should be your guide when choosing and trying on dresses for the big night. Every body type suits



certain style of dress young woman with a small bust and wide hips looks best in a dress with a fitted top, thin straps and loose-fitting hips. On the other hand, if your shoulders are wide and your waist is narrow, go for a model with sleeves and a fairly loose top. For thicker-waisted silhouettes, an Empire waist, cross-over neckline and belt are ideal. If you're apple-shaped, a loose, kneelength dress will likely be the most flattering. An hourglass figure goes well with a style that's flared at the bottom and fitted at

the waist.
Shiny fabrics give an impression of volume, while light, airy fabrics are ideal if you're appleshaped or petite. Lace is a good match for broad shoulders and slim hips, but tulle and crinolines are perfect for well-defined hips. Also, be sure to choose a color that blends with your skin tone. Warm colors suit fair complexions perfectlv. while white enhances darker complexions.

It goes without say-ing that your personality and your budget need to have the last say. The important thing is to choose a dress that is comfortable for dancing and that



## **New mural unveiled at Redvers Library**

The Redvers Library, Redvers high school students, and staff from Advantage Co-op Redvers were proud to unveil a new mural that was painted in the library by Redvers High School art students.

The paint for the mural was donated by Advantage Co-op through their Communities in Color program. The mural was unveiled during a high school art show at the library in January.

In back from left are Coralie Wolensky and Melanie Houston with

In back from left are Coralie Wolensky and Melanie Houston with Advantage Co-op, Librarian Michelle Jensen, students Olivia Aime, Miranda Shaw, Paige Longphee, and Jenna George, and art teacher Chylisse Marchand

In front are students Hillary Matthewson, Kyra Huynh, Jessica Magotiaux, and Brooklyn Ewart. Missing is Morgan Huenison and Makayla Matthewson.

#### **EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1**

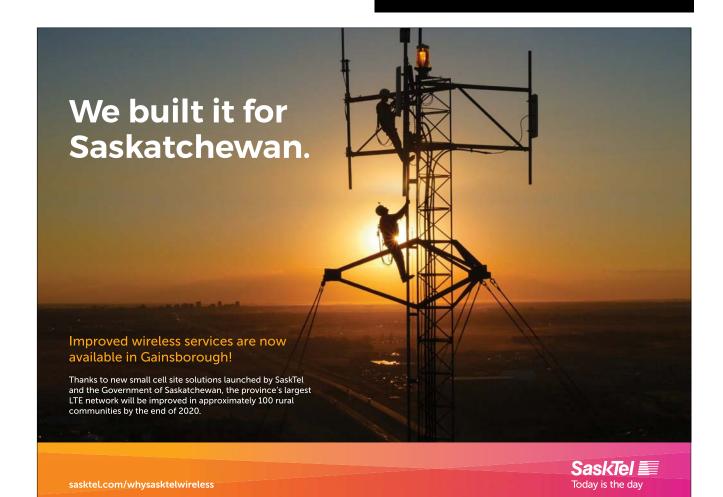
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## Getting real about retirement Canadian retirees share their wisdom: RBC poll

Retired Canadians have some advice for those approaching retirement: don't expect it to be as advertised, according to the RBC Retirement Myths & Realities poll. Responding to the biennial poll of Canadians aged 50-plus, retirees cite three notable misconceptions about when, where and how you plan to retire.

As the aging population continues to grow in Canada, the cautionary note from retirees is that taking the time to plan can bely negative you minimize any ears between

the cautionary note from retirees is that taking the time oplan can help ensure you minimize any gaps between your expectations and the realities of retirement. "We know that the majority of Canadians do not have a retirement plan—and those who do are more prepared and confident," says Rick Lowes, Vice-President, Retirement Strategy, RBC. "A plan helps you understand all your options so you don't have to make major trade-offs to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you design".

to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you desire."

Retired Canadians called out three key misconceptions about retirement:

Thinking you'll know your retirement date well in advance?
While more than half (55%) of pre-retirees aged 50+ expect to know their retirement date more than one year in advance, this was true for only 39% of retirees aged 50+... and 16% had no advance notice at all.

#### Expecting to winter in warmer climates

Expecting to winter in warmer climates as a snowbird when you retire?

Close to one-third (29%) of pre-retirees expect to be snowbirds, but only 18% of retirees are actually flocking south in the winter. Ranking higher for retirees: spending time with family (51%) and friends (48%).

Planning to return to work in retirement?
While half (50%) of pre-retirees plan to work in retirement, only 11% of retirees responded they actually had returned to full-time or part-time work. The main reasons why pre-retirees say they plan to go back to work: to stay active, mentally (64%) and physically (48%); to stave off

boredom (44%); and to generate income (43%). Lowes also stresses that it's never too late for Canadians in their 50s and into their 60s to set up retirement plans and make tax-smart decisions, to ensure they get the most out of their savings and investments when they retire.

"Perhaps the biggest myth of all is the fear that you've

RBC RETIREMENT MYTHS & REALITIES POLL - Regional Comparisons

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	(EXPECTATIONS)							
Spending time in retirement as snowbirds	RETIREES	18%	19%	32%*	23%	17%	15%	10%
	PRE-RETIREES	29%	23%	31%	39%	30%	28%	30%
Spending time in retirement with family (other than partner)	RETIREES	51%	45%	54%*	55%	48%	60%	50%
	PRE-RETIREES	48%	51%	49%	49%	48%	47%	46%
Spending time in retirement with friends	RETIREES	48%	47%	40%*	48%	46%	50%	58%
	PRE-RETIREES	44%	48%	40%	32%	48%	41%	42%
Retirement date known more than 1 year in advance	RETIREES	39%	40%	50%*	37%	38%	44%	29%
	PRE-RETIREES	55%	50%	54%	56%	55%	60%	54%
No advance	RETIREES	16%	18%	15%*	17%	15%	16%	21%
knowledge of retirement date	PRE-RETIREES	9%	10%	11%	14%	7%	10%	7%
Yes, work in retirement	RETIREES	11%	11%	10%*	18%	9%	11%	9%
	PRE-RETIREES	50%	57%	53%	58%	50%	37%	55%

missed the chance to plan for your retirement," Lowes adds. "That's just not the case. Canadians are redefining retirement and there is a wide range of financial options to explore right up until the day you stop working

About the RBC Retirement Myths & Realities Poll: These are the findings of the most recent biennial RBC Retirement Myths and Realities Poll, conducted by Ipsos between April 2 to 8, 2019. For the overall survey, a sample of 2,000 Canadians aged 50+ was interviewed via the Ipsos I-Say panel and nonpanel sources. Quotas and weighting were applied to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. For this release, the data referenced is among a sample of 1,800 aged 50+ who are retirees and pre-retirees with investable assets of \$100K or more. The redibility of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case the results are considered accurate to withing the content of the first of the full content of the full con in ±2.6 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, for the full sample of retired and pre-retired Canadians aged 50+ with investable ássets of \$100K+.



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## Making it through the worst for millenials

"Every generation imagines itself to be more intelligent than the one that comes after it."
—George Orwell

Risking a derisive "OK Boomer," I cop a guilty plea to Or-

2020 begins with the continuing narrative that Millennials are so pessimistic that, for some, life seems scarcely worth

are so pessimistic that, for some, the seems scarcely words living.

This is heartbreaking.
But they do live in a world that gins up panic, like the apocalyptic survey concluding "don't have children; it'll save us from climate change."

A recent Canadian Press story reported Millennial misery amidst rampant wildfires in Australia, a threatened and "imminent war" between the United States and Iran and the treatment of Canadian living lost in the Iranian downing of a tragedy of Canadian lives lost in the Iranian downing of a Ukrainian ietliner

The piece cited National College Health Survey data that



#### John Gormley

60 per cent of respondents were dealing with above-average or tremendous stress levels, 23 per cent diagnosed with anx-iety, and 19 per cent with depression. Even though some of these elevated negative perceptions

are true, hopefully they are also due to better diagnoses and

overdue attention being paid to mental health. But it's never been easy being young, uncertain, and new at life experiences.

To be sure, Millennials live in a world of ubiquitous digital culture, social media and its constant conflict and manufac-

tured outrage.

Also, there sometimes seems a lack of context; missing are older people who assure the young that life means hope, and how never giving up on the future is critical to how we live in the present.

A few decades ago, as twenty-somethings immersed in a confusing and dangerous world, many of us were at least surrounded by those who had endured the Great Depression and Second World War.

Their message: better times would come. Perhaps not as self-actualized as many of today's young,

Perhaps not as self-actualized as many of today's young, we just thought that scary times were something we'd have to get through.

The memory is vivid and depressing: December 1980, watching a U.S. news report set to the music of Merle Haggard's "if we make it through December"—a recession seemingly without end, the death throes of U.S. steel towns, and the misery of people lined up having lost their jobs, homes and hope.

homes and hope.

In 1979 and '80, the world really did seem to be going to

Strikes and strife had torn apart Britain; a group of ideologues launched Iran's "Islamic Revolution", seized power, triggered an energy crisis that drove gas prices higher than we could afford.

They held the world hostage, along with U.S. captives, for

The IRA murdered Prince Phillip's uncle, Louis Mount-batten, off the coast of Ireland, the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan, the Iran–Iraq War began and every year, without a raise, runaway inflation shrunk our paycheques by 10%

North America seemed obsessed with serial killers: we asked what created Son of Sam, Ted Bundy, or the real-life

asset what cleated Shift of Jahr, led billing, in the real-life terrifying clown John Wayne Gacey?

In the U.S.–Soviet Union arms race, we knew about "MAD", Mutually Assured Destruction, because we had to; ditto for the acronyms ICBM and START. We knew names like Trident and Pershing missiles, and the terrifying Peacekeeper, a ballistic missile carrying 10 nuclear

fying Peacekeeper, a ballistic missile carrying 10 nuclear warheads; a single missile's payload equivalent to 230 of the bombs that destroyed Hiroshima at the end of WWII. We lived this every day. And wondered if we were next for a mysterious pneumonia-like disease contracted at an American Legion convention in a Philadelphia Hotel. If not Legionnaires Disease, there was that contagious and potentially lethal plague, discovered near the Ebola River in Af-

Even the Olympics suffered in 1980 when the U.S., Canada and others boycotted the Moscow games. And just days before Christmas that year, pop culture icon and Beatle John Lennon died from a gunman's bullets on a street outside his

It didn't end there. In the ensuing months, anyone who lived it would never forget renewing their home mortgage at 19% or 20% interest rates.

Eventually we did make it through that December and many more. And for the next generation of young, it gets

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## **Esterhazy Elks donate to** family who lost home to fire

The Esterhazy Elks made a \$1,500 donation recently to Jennifer Stacey and Brad Henrion and their family—Carson, 13, Ke-nan, 11, and Jack, 8—after the family lost their Tantallon home to fire on December

The family was not home at the time of the fire, but Jennifer says it was a total loss. "I don't know how it started. We weren't

home. A neighbor saw the flames and came over and tried to put it out with a fire extinguisher, and moved our dogs away from the fire. He kicked in the front door and ran through the house looking for people, because we have three children," she says.

"We don't know what caused the fire. It was a total loss, there was nothing left. The chimney was still standing, but that's

After hearing about the fire, the Ester-

hazy Elks contacted the Elks Grand Lodge about securing a donation from the Elks and Royal Purple Fund For Children emer-gency fund for families who have children who have lost their home to fire

The fund allotted \$500 per child for a total of \$1,500 to be donated to the family from Tantallon. Barry Off, secretary of the Esterhazy Elks, presented the cheque to Jennifer last week.

Jennifer says the donation will be a big help to cover some of the expenses from the fire.

Jennifer says entire community reached

out to help them after the fire.

"The whole community of Tantallon was bringing us stuff—everything from dishes and cutlery, to food, bedding, clothes. We had somebody bring a couch and a chair, TVs—everything." Vs—everything."

After the fire, the family moved to a new

home on a farm in the area



Jennifer Stacey accepting the \$1,500 donation for Esterhazy Elks Secretery Barry Off last week.



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## Wawota's Jos Risling thankful for the livesaving care he received during heart attack

March 23, 2019 is a date Jos Risling will always re-

member.

It's the day he nearly

But it's also the day that he gained an appreciation for the incredible quality

of cardiac care available in Regina's hospitals. The 47-year-old princi-pal at Wawota Parkland

School is married with two young boys and leads an active lifestyle, includ-ing lacing up his skates for

weekly hockey games.
"I certainly wasn't in
a high-risk category for
heart disease," Jos states.
"So, when I started hav-

on the stanted have a few days earlier, I ignored them.

Then, on March 23 I tried to play hockey and

ended up having a full-blown STEMI (a heart attack involving a blockage of one of the major arteries to the heart)."

Jos' wife rushed him to the hospital in Arcola, where his condition was stabilized but still critical.

The ambulance team from Arcola loaded Jos into the ambulance for his trip to Regina, but his condition was so serious that the specialized Car-diac Ambulance was dispatched from Regina and Jos was transferred be-tween ambulances on the side of the highway.

Within a half hour of arriving in the Cardiac Care Unit (CCU) at the Mosaic Heart Centre, Jos was in surgery having two stents inserted to open up the blocked blood vessels.

Two more stents were inserted two days later. Five days after that, he was discharged and re-turned home to Kenosee Park to recuperate.

He certainly didn't waste any time looking for ways to express his grati-tude for the life-saving care he received.

"Within two days I was on the Hospitals of Regina Foundation website," Jos

"I wanted to send in a donation, to make sure other people receive the same support I did."

Jos also took part in the annual CCU fundraising walk/run in support of

the Foundation in May, where he spoke about his experience.

He continues to speak

to groups, advising people to have their cholesterol checked regularly.

It's believed high cholesterol was the major

contributing factor to Jos' heart issues.

"People have joked about it, but I can tell you from first-hand experience it's true," Jos confides. "If you're going to have a heart attack—and hope-fully you aren't—but if

you are, make sure you have it in Regina! If it wasn't for the amazing

care and support that I received at the Mosaic Heart Centre, I wouldn't be here today."

Jos Risling with his two young boys.

"Stories like Jos' demonstrate the importance of supporting world-class cardiac care for the people of southern Saskatchewan," says Dino Sophoco wan," says Dino Sophoc-leous, president and CEO, Hospitals of Regina Foundation.

"Thanks to the gener-ous support of our donors and partners like Mosaic, the Foundation will en-sure this level of care is available right here at home, when people need it most."









## \$100,000 boost for airport expansion

BY ROB PAUL LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

In an effort to help with the Moosomin airport expansion, Conexus Credit Union has donated \$100,000 to the cause.

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The airport expansion plan began in 2018, led by Jeff St. Onge and Dr. Schalk Van Der Merwe with the intent to lengthen and pave the runway, and add lighting and navigation equipment to make it accordible to the Schatchourn Air Ambu. cessible to the Saskatchewan Air Ambu-

Brandon Carter, Conexus' Moosomin Branch Manager, said making a contribu-tion to the airport was a priority for Con-

"Health services is a basic human need, "said Carter. "This partnership will pro-vide the people in Moosomin and sur-rounding communities access to emer-gency air ambulance that links them to life saving care in other centres."

Carter said that Conexus wanted to be involved to make sure the project goes ahead both for the health aspect—opening up the region to service by the Saskatchewan Air Ambulance—and because of how it will support the community economically economically.

"The economic spin-off from some-thing like this is huge," he said. The air-



#### \$100,000 from Conexus for airport

Conexus Credit Union presented a cheque for \$100,000 for the expansion of Moosomin's airport to accommodate the Saskatchewan Air Ambulance. From left are Jeff St. Onge of the airport planning committee, Conexus Moosomin Branch Manager Brandon Carter, RM of Moosomin Reeve David Moffatt and RM of Moosomin administrator Kendra Lawrence

port is projected to provide Moosomin and sur-rounding communities with approximate- ly \$2.4 million worth of economic benefit per year.

Conexus' Community Investment Pro-

gram invests a portion of its profits back into the community each year. In 2019,

the program invested over \$3.1 million through 143 partnerships and initiatives. "Being part of the community is fundamental to who we are—it's part of our fabric," said Carter. "Our purpose at Conexus is to improve the financial wellbeing of our members and communities

and our Community Investment Program is just one way we're able to do this."

St. Onge couldn't be happier with the donation from Conexus. "It's huge. It sets a standard. It elevates the impor-

sets a standard. It elevates the impor-tance of the project," he said. Kendra Lawrence, RM of Moosomin administrator, hopes the support of Conexus will lead to more support from the business sector.

"By their support of it we're hoping that's going to show other corporate sponsors that someone as important as Conevus has also deep to the state of the state o onexus has already shown interest in the project," said Lawrence. "Every do-nation is appreciated, every donation helps."

Moosomin is home to the Southeast

Integrated Care Centre, the biggest hospital between Brandon and Regina, but has lacked an airport with the capacity to handle the fixed-wing aircraft oper-ated by Saskatchewan Air Ambulance. "How do you have a hospital with-out the ability to do patient transfers by Saskatchewan Air Ambulance?" asked St.

Onge. "It's so important. It's one of those can't-fail projects. It has to go ahead. I don't see a pathway forward that doesn't have a landing strip to help with the medical side of things in this community."

## Wagantall wants to see a solution to restricted Esterhazy postal box access

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"People are being very gracious in the midst of everything, but basically saying this is difficult for us. You try to plan to come into town, you've got all these appointments, and so you try to make it so that you can be there when the post office is open, but a lot of folks are coming home after working 12 hour shifts and the post office is locked up. I suppose in some ways it's just extremely inconvenient."

Wagantall says, as an MP, she can try to bring the issue up in the House of Commons, and approach the minister responsible for Canada Post.

sponsible for Canada Post.

"We can mention it in the house. Canada Post is a Crown

corporation and needs to be accountable across the country and if we have issues around vandalism, what are they do ing to deal with that? So in the house I can bring it up on behalf of my constituents here. I can ask for a question in question period to challenge them, because I want to get more detail on exactly on how that building is being taken care of as far as making it safe and protecting our mail. It's a very old building, I'm sure there are infrastructure issues probably to some degree. And then I just want to make them aware that rural Canada needs good service."

Wagantall says she feels a solution could be found. "There's technical capabilities now, even if they could link

a number of communities into one location or something. she says. "There needs to be ways if it's important. Of course we have a government that has so overspent and I don't know how much of a priority this is. We need to take a look

at spending of the corporation as well and see."
Wagantall says she's prepared to keep pushing the issue.
"The more I've heard about it, it is a significant issue," she

says.
"It's hitting Esterhazy more seriously now, but apparently there are a lot of communities that can't get their mail. We want to be able to get our mail. It's not delivered to our door, so the post office boxes need to be accessible.

## **PASTURE LAND** FOR SALE BY TENDER

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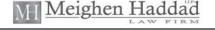
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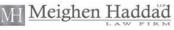
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- The closing date of the sale shall be March 26, 2020 on which date the Vendors shall provide a registerable Transfer of title to the Purchaser and the Purchaser shall pay the balance of the accepted tender. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit or acceptable arrangements for payment have not been made, the deposit paid may be
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For further information contact Keith Goforth at 204-634-2404



## Issues with Iran one morereason why Canada needs to take another look at Energy East

Recent incidents in the Middle East demonstrate once again just how un-stable that region is, and how dangerous it is for the world to rely on that region for such a large portion of its oil.

For the next several decades as the world transitions to a less carbon-intensive future, it will still rely on oil to fuel business, to fuel growth, and to provide the kind of lifestyle the world has become used to.
Canada has the fourth

largest oil reserves in the largest oil reserves in the world, enough proven reserves for 126 years of production at current production levels. While production has ramped up in the United States, that country only has reserves for 10 years at current production levels, meaning Canadian oil is

meaning Canadian oil is going to be even more important in the future. Canadian oil is ethi-cally sourced and it's extracted with methods much more environmentally sustainable than those in many other countries.

Workers in the Cana-dian resource extraction industries are treated fairly, compensated fairly, and are protected by an emphasis on safety unknown in some other

oil-producing countries.
Canadian oil is produced in a politically stable country. The Venezuelan oil industry was undone as society col-

lapsed around it.
Turbulence in the middle east could put supplies of oil from that part of the world at risk at any time. We saw an attack on a Saudi oil facility on the there are not the late. that long ago, and the latest flare up of tensions with Iran shows that things could go sideways

in that region at any time.
Canadian oil is produced in a safe part of the world. A drone attack from either Houthi rebels or the Iranian military or a combination of the two or some other force took out a massive piece of Saudi Arabian oil infra-structure last year. The recent tensions with Iran just in the last

few weeks meant many in the oil transporta-tion industry are wor-ried about the potential of any conflict with Iran choking off the supply through the vulnerable Strait of Hormuz.

Canadian oil production facilities are obvi-ously insulated from the danger of violence from any flare-up in the Middlé East.

So we in Canada have an oil industry that is ethical, safe, provides workers with protecworkers with protec-tions, provides more en-vironmental protections than similar industries in many countries, and is safe from political in-stability and the inter-mittent regional violence that plagues the middle



#### Kevin Weedmark

Looking at those facts from the outside, you would think that Canada would be investing in ways to ensure that its natural resources power the world, and you would think our neighbors to the south, neighbors to the south, European countries, and Asian countries, would be doing everything they could to support Canada in extracting and export-ing its resources, because of the advantages over other suppliers

other suppliers.
You would think that
Canada's federal government would want to have the basic infrastructure in place to export our oil and gas so that we can supply the world with our plentiful resources.

In the interest of low-ering carbon emissions, you would think that the Canadian government would be doing everything it could to ensure that natural gas pipe-lines are in place to get gas to export position, and LNG export facili-ties are in place to export our low-emission natural gas to replace coal-fired plants in Asia with much

higher emissions. Too bad that's not the

We don't have the in-stability or the violence that plagues oil produc-ers in the Middle East, ers in the Middle East, but we have hamstrung ourselves and made it impossible to export our valuable natural energy resources, and the lack of export options means we are not extracting the resources the way

Despite what some

environmental activists may believe, that doesn't mean there is less oil and natural gas produced in the world, it means it is produced less safely, in a less environmentally

conscious way, in countries where workers and communities have few rights.

We don't even have the infrastructure to help supply the world through temporary disruptions in Middle Eastern supplies.

Middle Eastern supplies. Canada has an oppor-tunity to help itself and help the world by build-ing the pipelines that will help this country be a safe, secure supplier of oil. It will take a new at-titude but it can be done.

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#### **Moosomin's new Economic Development Officer:**

## Gillespie excited about possibilities

#### BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

It has been several years since the Moosomin area has had an Economic Development Officer working for the region, but on February 3 Greg Gillespie took on the task of co-ordinating the promotion and development of the community.

Gillespie is employed by Moosomin Economic De velopment, an agency with representation on the board from the town of Moosomin, the RM of Moosomin, and the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce.

Gillespie has had an extensive career in business and

Gillespie has had an extensive career in business and plans to put that experience to use in his new position. "Marketing is my early background," he explains. "More brand management and strategic marketing, not so much the sales end of marketing. Marketing, if it's done right, is all about knowing your market, understanding what you have to offer and what the market needs, and trying to match up the two together."

"I see this economic development position just as that exercise. It's understanding what the community has to offer and then it's picking a select target market and then marrying them together."

#### Gillespie has career in business

His career in business has helped him develop other

"I got into running businesses and general management, president, and roles like that—bottom line responsibility," he says. "In those roles, I was doing a lot of door opening. I was doing mergers and acquisitions, going after companies we wanted to buy or partner up with. A lot of what I was doing was opening doors to companies that didn't know me and didn't know my

company, and developing business relationships.

"So all those things I did for that 30-year career up until recently was a match with what I think this role will require. I've never done economic development before but I certainly understand marketing and what it takes to reach out to companies and work with them."

Gillespie says he knows the economic development

Gillespie says he knows the economic development file is going to take a lot of work.

"I know that is what it is going to take to get some of these big or medium sized companies in here. It's going to take a lot of leg work, a lot of patience, a lot of tenacity.

"I have a lot of experience in different areas of business. One company I worked for for 20 years had seven districtions and I was positive through those districtions.

divisions and I was moving through those divisions.



GREG GILLESPIE

That gave me a lot of experience in a bunch of different industries. I've been involved with manufacturing resource development, service industry, banking, I even spent just shy of three years in the brewing industry. When I'm talking to companies, my senior management experience and that wide range of experience will allow me to talk to these guys on maybe a different level than someone purely in economic development.

#### Gillespie enjoying Moosomin

Gillespie says he is enjoying living in Moosomin. "I'd never lived on the Prairies, but a recruiter came to me with an offer to join the John Deere dealership here as the manager, and Saskatchewan was booming and I checked it out and my wife and I were empty nesters and we were up for the challenge and up for seeing a

new part of Canada and making it work.

"Since we've been here it has been an adjustment.
We were both from Halifax, but soon realized what a we were both from Halifax, but soon realized what a small town had to offer, in particular this town. We're just amazed at the people here. I'm part of the Shriners and Masons organization and they do great work and I met some phenomenal people in this town. It's a small town but with a real good vision and some very active movers and the shakers. There is just a good sense here that they want to be more than they are, and I want to be part of that."

#### Lots of opportunities to work on

What is Gillespie's vision for economic development in Moosomin? "There are a lot of fronts," he says. "That

in Moosomin? "There are a lot of fronts," he says. "That is the one thing that I am realizing more and more.

"Everybody wants the home runs and wants the companies of 50-100 people, which quite honestly are long shots and require a lot of work. Sales and economic development is like a hopper. You have a hopper full of businesses and opportunities and out the bottom comes one or two. It's all about getting a lot of projects in that hopper and working to make sure you can push though with as many of those as possible.

"As well there is working with existing local busi-

with as many of those as possible.

"As well there is working with existing local businesses, helping them grow. We've got pretty good retail representation, a good base to start from, so we've got to work that one, we've got to grow the retail here. I want to be able to help the businesses with a business plan or government incentives, or find other opportunities to help them grow. We need to make them strong and there is also the very targeted finding of businesses that are in other towns that aren't here and should be here and filling any eaps in the local market.

other towns that aren't here and should be here and filling any gaps in the local market.

"There is also the immigrant file. We want to make sure we have our share of immigrants because as we know we've got a good population of Filipinos here and they come in here generally to do low value work to start, but two or three years later they've got their own retail and their own business going. That file has got to be worked as well. On that file, it's not so much about the investigation and officials that It is to a support that It is to the source of the sure of the sure that It is to the sure of the sure of the sure that It is to the sure of the sure that It is to the sure of the sure that It is to the sure of the sure that It is to the sure of the sure that It is to the sure of the sure that It is to the sure of the sure tax incentives and offering this and offering that. It is really about quality of life, that is what brings people here. They need to see a town that is vibrant and caring and that is what Moosomin has to offer.

that is what Moosomin has to offer.

"The vision is to grow all of those files to work hard
on getting the fundamentals in place. Making sure we
have the right inventory of assets here so we don't overshoot what we are bringing in. It's understanding those
assets, listing them, taking an inventory of them so that
when we go after businesses, we know what we are
dealing with. It is not so much about the town wants
this and that, it's about what does that customer want?
What does that company want that is coming in here?
Then meeting those needs."

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The K3 shafts at Mosaic Esterhazy

## While Colonsay mine has been idled indefinitely: Mosaic VP says future is bright for Esterhazy mine

Mosaic's vice-president of public affairs and government relations says that, while the Colonsay mine has been idled indefinitely, there is a strong future for Mosaic Esterhazy. "The long term outlook for Esterhazy is bright," Mosaic VP Sarah Fedorchuk told the World-Spectator last week. "When completed, K3 will be one of the lowest cost potash mines in the world.

Mosaic has been investing heavily in Esterhazy, develop-ing the K3 site and above-ground conveyors to take the ore to the K1 and K2 mills.

The Mosaic Company announced Tuesday that it intends to keep its Colonsay potash mine idled for the foreseeable future. The mine will be placed in care and maintenance mode, employing minimal staff and allowing for resumption of operations when needed to meet customers' needs. "The ramping up of our Esterhazy K3 production com-

bined with continued weak demand in North America has left Mosaic's potash business with excess inventory and production capacity. This decision will regrettably impact employees, but allows us to optimize our Canadian production assets and improve our cost position in a competitive market," said President and CEO Joc O'Rourke. "In 2020, we continue to expect robust global fertilizer demand and strong business conditions."

"The announcement is a continuation of the idling we announced in August," Fedorchuk explained. "We met with our remaining Colonsay workforce to advise them that the site will remain idled for the foreseeable future.

"While a difficult decision to make, giving our Colonsay workforce a clear picture of our plans is an important step in allowing them to best prepare for their future. "While some of our salaried Colonsay employees have moved on to new roles in other areas of the business unit, including Esterhazy, this decision will impact the remain-

ing approximately 80 salaried staff. We met with them to discuss their role, varying end dates or other opportunities. "We will be providing transition services, educational bursaries through a retraining fund to obtain new skills and education, and access to other services like our Employee Family Assistance Plan (EFAP)."

Approximately 45 positions will remain in place at Coto complete safety and regulatory checks and conduct minimal maintenance

Fedorchuk said the indefinite idling of the Colonsay site was a difficult decision.

"This is a continuation of the idling announced in August," she says.

"At that time, we issued our 395 lay off notices for our hourly workforce. Because we do now think it will be idled in the foreseeable future we had to make the very difficult decision in that we could no longer have the salaried staff on payroll anymore just because the site had not been producing now for several months and the long term outlook for the site just wasn't such that we needed it.

"Colonsay is our highest cost facility. Esterhazy on the cost curve is just much lower than Colonsay and so although I understand that people in Esterhazy might have concerns, Esterhazy is in just a really great competitive position, and the ramping up of K3 just puts them in an even stronger position.

#### Volume means lower costs

She said the volume of potash produced at Esterhazy makes its cost much lower than some other sites.

"Esterhazy is such a bigger operation than some of our other sites that although some of their base costs might be similar they have a much lower cost per tonne because they are producing so many more tonnes than Colonsay would be," she explained.

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## Gillespie excited about possibilities

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#### Moosomin a town with advantages

Gillespie says Moosomin has a few advantages that have helped it grow over the last few years.

"I think we have been very, very for-tunate with the mine," he says. "We've got a strong farming sector and relatively strong oil and gas. Plus the fact that we are on the number one highway—those have all been very positive. The trick is to deal with the stagnant growth that we are going to see for a couple years. This are going to see for a couple years. This is when you want to start a position like this, so we are already positioned to grab those opportunities when we move back into a rapid growth phase."

He said Moosomin seems to have a strong group of people working to better

"I know there is a strong core of people here who are all working to advance the community, and you never see this in an or muthin, and you never see this in an urban centre. You never see a core group of people who are just working to better the whole community. There are probably 12 or 14 that promote the local community that are always looking for opportunities. That is very positive. That is one of the things that attracted me to the position and into the town is that core You guys are totally positive. You guys have carried the ball and run with it, so that has certainly taken Moosomin in the right direction."

#### The potential for more

What does Gillespie see as the potential for Moosomin.

"For the short term for the three- to five-year horizon, I would hope to see a population that is probably 15 per cent, maybe 20 per cent more. I see a very vibrant downtown. I would like to see much more attractive downtown which immediately gives you a quality of life without even talking to anybody—com-

and trees and outdoor cafes. I would like to have another somewhat significant industry in town and a much more vibrant retail sector, one that will become a destination point for the region.

"I use Cork and Bone's model. They

are a very high quality restaurant and their vision has been 'We want to become a destination. We want people to come here from Regina and Yorkton.' That is exactly what I would like to see generally for sound here." ally for around here."

#### There will be challenges

He said he looks forward to working with the economic development committee, but does see some challenges ahead. "We have a really good working committee," he said. "I'm impressed with the economic development committee. The first challenge would be the economy is flat right now. The farmers had one of their worst years ever and of course oil and gas, who knows where that is going

"The second concern would be some components of the infrastructure here like the day cares that have been talked about, having all the infrastructure in place so that we can accommodate

#### Gillespie excited to get to work

Gillespie said he is eager to get started in his new role.

'I'm excited," he said. "At the end of the day, it is really a great opportunity for marketing and branding the town. It hits all elements of my past. It sort of pulls

them all together.

"People that are really sales driven, who live on commission, their biggest thrill is to win something and to sell that new combine. It's not the commission, it's that win that matters.

"And when you are in a small town with a lot to build from, those small wins can be pretty big.

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### While Colonsay mine has been idled indefinitely:

## Mosaic VP says future is bright for Esterhazy mine

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Mosaic is investing billions of dollars in K3 at Esterhazy and has now twice accelerated the project to bring it online more quickly.

"We anticipate K3 to be fully online by the end of 2022,"

Fedorchuk said. "We've announced a couple different accelerations to that project and I think it really speaks to the workforce at our Esterhazy site that the transition is going so smoothly and we are so ahead of schedule."

She said Esterhazy has been a major focus for Mosaic.

"The Esterhazy K3 project has a very good return on investment for the company," she said. "It will allow us to eliminate our brine inflow spending which is a huge costif's over \$100 million a year for the company to deal with the brine inflow. K3 will allow us to have Esterhazy-scale size and efficiencies but without that cost overhang."
"Once K3 is online, The K1 and K2 mills will contin-

ue and we will be decommissioning K1 and K2 underground."

She said a significant amount of work still needs to be done before K3 is totally up and running. "We still have one overland conveyor system to K1 that we are finishing. We're still commissioning one of the hoists. So there is definitely work to do. We are still building miners. We are slowly transitioning our workforce over there so there is change management work to do but also quite a bit of capital work to do."

The number of contractors on site will vary for the next

"Until K3 is commissioned it kind of ebbs and flows depending on how many contractors are needed. Then,

post K3 being fully operational, most of the maintenance work would be done by employees. We would be bring-ing in contractors just to do some bigger projects much like we do now '

The Esterhazy mine usually produces between four and five million tonnes a year, about 60-70 percent of Mosaic's Saskatchewan potash production. Fedorchuk said K3 will have the capacity to ramp up slightly from there. Staffing will be slightly smaller once the transition to

K3 is complete.

"We are doing a workforce transition plan right now," Fedorchuk said. "It might be a smaller workforce in three or four years, however, we will be handling that with at-trition and retirements. There are not layoffs anticipated at Esterhazy.

#### One of lowest cost mines

Fedorchuk said she wants to reassure people in the area that despite the idling at Colonsay, there is a strong future for the Esterhazy mine.

"We understand that this is unsettling for some people, but Esterhazy is going to be one of the lowest cost mines in North America, the most efficient. We've done the most innovation in Esterhazy.

"Esterhazy is going to have a really long future and they're going to be even more competitive than they are right now. We have as a company put all of our eggs in

the Esterhazy basket so to speak.
"You don't build a mine for a year, you build it for 50 years. So K3 will have a very long life and will guarantee a lot of stability and job opportunities in the Esterhazy and surrounding areas for a long, long time to come.'



#### Carbon tax big cost to farms

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) has released updated estimates on the financial impacts of the federal carbon tax on Saskatchewan

"Federal Minister of Agriculture Marie-Claude Bibeau has asked the agriculture industry for evidence of what the carbon tax is costing Canadian farmers," says APAS President Todd Lewis, who farms near Gray.

"We've responded with estimates that are backed up by producer bills in 2019."

APAS's costing review takes into consideration all major farm expenses not currently exempt from the carbon

jor farm expenses not currently exempt from the carbon tax. These include grain drying, rail transportation, heating and electricity, and truck hauling of crops off the farm. The evidence is stark: on average, Saskatchewan farmers can expect to lose eight per cent of their total net income in 2020 to the carbon tax.

For a household managing a 5,000-acre grain farm in Saskatchewan, this will take the form of a \$8,000-10,000 kill

In less than two years, when the carbon tax increases to \$50/tonne in 2022, this bill will go up to \$13,000-17,000 for the same household—the equivalent of a 12 per cent decrease in net income.

"It's comparable to having 12 per cent of your pay cheque disappear," says Lewis.
"Farmers don't set our prices, so those increased costs are coming directly off our bottom line."
"APAS's numbers reflect my personal experience down to the penny," says APAS Vice-President Bill Prybylski, the formula in the penny," says APAS vice-President Bill Prybylski, and the penny," says APAS vice-President Bill Prybylski, and the penny," says APAS vice-President Bill Prybylski, and the penny, a who farms with his son, brother, and nephews near Willowbrook.

"This past year was unprecedented in terms of the role grain drying played for farmers in our province.

"Without using propane to dry our grain, the wet fall would have meant losing a huge portion of our crop." Rail transportation is another huge and unavoidable taxable expense incurred by farmers.

"Trucking my crop to the grain elevator, and then shipping it by rail to the coast is one of my biggest annual ex-

penses," says APAS Vice-President Ian Boxall, who farms at his century farm near Tisdale.

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