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From left: United Way Pembina Valley board members Chris Willsey, Kim Nelson, and Alex Fedorchuk with a cheque for \$135,800—the proceeds from the agency's 2020 fundraising campaign, which they are distributing to 23 local non-profits in Morden-Winkler this spring. For the full story, see Pg. 10.

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GVSD trustees approve \$52M operating budget

Deficit budget for the second year

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Garden Valley School Division will be operating with a deficit budget for the 2021-2022 school year.

GVSD trustees last week passed a \$52.9 million budget that, despite belt tightening, sees expenses outpace revenue (\$52.7 million) by \$144,164.

This is the second year the division has had to operate in the red, as there's just not enough funding coming in to cover continually rising costs, says board chair Laurie Dyck.

"Budgets have been challenging over the last couple of years and this one is no different," she said. "We had to find places to cut."

The provincial government limited increases to local school property taxes to two per cent, providing a new property tax offset grant to try and balance things a bit. For GVSD, that worked out to an additional \$410,000. The division also received an increase of \$133,000 in special needs funding from the province as well as \$423,000 in equalization support.

Overall, GVSD will receive \$35.1 million in provincial funding for the school year, with another \$16.8 million coming from local property taxes. GVSD's mill rate drops 0.31 mills to 13.42.

Expenses for the year ahead increase \$663,130, or 1.27 per cent over the current year.

The bulk of that increase is due to salaries and benefits, which jump \$1 million. To offset things, the board has approved cuts in services spending by \$244,070, supplies/materials/equipment by \$80,900, and capital projects by \$45,000.

On the administration



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Provincial funding is paying for a major overhaul of Winkler Elementary School's oldest wings, including new exterior siding and a roof. Work is already underway.

side, which the province caps at 3.05 per cent of operating expenditures, GVSD is at 2.90 per cent with \$1.5 million.

"The board is always very aware of what that number is," Dyck said, noting GVSD has always worked to keep those costs down as much as possible. "We're running as lean as we believe we can at this point."

The board remains committed to funding its literacy, numeracy, and student mental health initiatives, but those program along with the discretionary budgets for all departments (schools, transportation, administration/school board, maintenance, and IT) are being cut two per cent each to save \$77,000.

The board also opted to eliminate winter bus service for in-town students (representing four bus routes) for a savings of \$60,000.

A further \$20,000 in savings was found by reducing professional devel-

opment and accommodation budgets by 10 per cent across the division.

GVSD is also once again putting off purchasing all the new buses its fleet requires, opting to buy just one at a cost of \$140,000 rather than the four or five it needs to replace aging vehicles.

"The reason for choosing some of the places that we did [to cut funding] is because we're really trying to keep our staff resources in place ... because they are the ones that deliver the education that we need," Dyck explained. "So we're trying to find other areas where we can skim off, but even those are hard decisions."

Two areas that did not see any cuts was GVSD's support of the Winkler Family Resource Centre (\$17,000) and the Imagination Library program (\$10,000).

Both provide vital pre-school education for local families, Dyck stressed.

"That supports our literacy and numeracy initiatives," she said. "It's a

very cost-effective way to have those kinds of supports in our community delivered by other organizations."

Thanks to both these programs, kindergarteners are coming to school better prepared than ever, Dyck said, which gives them a valuable head start moving forward.

W.E.S. GETTING A FACELIFT

Just prior to presenting their financial plans for the year ahead, the GVSD board okayed a \$3 million promissory note for provincial funding for major capital projects throughout the division.

This includes a heat pump modification at Northlands Parkway Collegiate (\$157,011) and various other capital projects in other schools (\$161,900), but the bulk of the funding (\$2.7 million) is earmarked for a new roof and exterior walls in the oldest parts of Winkler Elementary School.

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\$260M investment to help Valley Fiber bring internet to rural areas

By Lorne Stelmach

A major investment will help Valley Fiber bring high-speed internet to more areas of rural Manitoba.

Valley Fiber and DIF Capital Partners announced last week that an agreement has been reached with the Canada Infrastructure Bank to invest \$260 million to increase broadband through the Southern Manitoba Fibre project.

It is estimated the project will in-

volve 2,550 kilometres of fibre optic cabling that will connect up to 49,000 underserved households with dedicated fibre-to-the-home in rural municipalities.

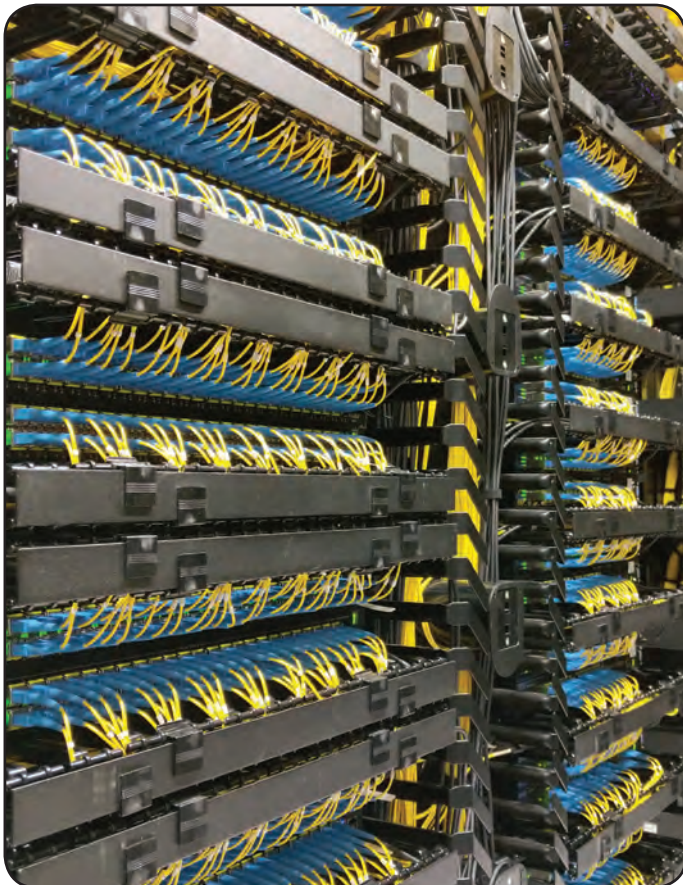
"This will be a very far reaching program," CEO Hank Wall suggested in an interview last Friday.

"For us, it's a major milestone ... having the ability to partner with other agencies that share the same passion and vision," he said. "The exact same dedicated fibre technology that we're

using in all of our urban centres is what we'll continue to be using in the rural. So the quality of service from you being in the middle of Manitoba, having no neighbours for miles around you,

Valley Fiber, which has its headquarters in Winkler, is teaming up with the DIF Capital Partners and the Canada Infrastructure Bank to create the Southern Manitoba Fibre project.

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with its \$10 billion growth plan by investing in new infrastructure.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Canada Infrastructure Bank and DIF Capital Partners will each invest \$130 million, and Valley Fiber will be responsible for all aspects of construction, installation, operations, and maintenance of the new broadband service.

The project will also include last-mile infrastructure with underground fibre cables and networking equipment, and the service is to offer broadband speeds up to one gigabit per second, enhancing telecommunications services for residents, businesses and public service delivery.

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Mayor reminds residents to keep garbage out of compost site

By Lorne Stelmach

The City of Morden is hoping to avoid taking more measures to clamp

down on misuse of the community compost site.

Incidents such as a recent one involving an assortment of household gar-

bage dumped at the site are not common but still happen often enough for the city to be keeping tabs on it.

"It's one of those services where if it's not going to be used correctly we would have to take steps to ensure that it is," Mayor Brandon Burley said last week. "There's a substantial amount of stuff that gets dumped there that shouldn't be, and that takes city resources and money and time to remove it."

Both the City of Morden and Morden Police Service took to social media recently in response to a post showing a giant pile of various household waste that had been dumped there.

Residents are reminded that dumping of garbage, refuse, or construction debris on any street or public place, including the compost site or another individual's private property, is strictly prohibited. You can call 204-362-2780 or 204-822-4900 to report such incidents.

"Complaints about misuse should be directed to the bylaw officer if anybody notes it," said Burley. "We have

put our bylaw officer on it a bit, and we were able to identify one user who dumped there on a previous occasion.

"We remind residents that it is not for household waste or for garbage. The signage needs to be read," he stressed. "It's something that we're monitoring pretty closely because it is one of those things that just year after year has been a bit of a problem."

"We want to be able to keep that service free for residents. It's a really good resource to have available, and it's certainly done its part in enabling our residents to compost. It's a useful amenity, so we would like to keep it free," said Burley. "We don't want our cost associated with it to go higher than it is already."

"We certainly don't want to look at things like restricting access or things like that," he concluded. "There would be security features we could add such as security cameras, but right now we're hopeful that residents will do their part and make sure they only dump what's permitted there."



CITY OF MORDEN PHOTO

Someone dumped this load of garbage at Morden's compost site recently. Improper dumping at the site has become a problem—one that costs the city time and money to deal with.

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"The biggest project on there is the refacing of Winkler Elementary School, which is already underway," Dyck said, explaining the project will rejuvenate Winkler's oldest school. "We're very pleased with what the sketches look like."

"We're thankful that the government is picking up the tab there."

"We got lots of affirmation for the programming that is happening Garden Valley," Dyck said. "Lost of affirmation to keep moving forward with what we have been doing, so that has been good to hear."

The sheer amount of surveys completed was overwhelming; usually the in-person public response is minimal.

"We've never had that kind of input before," Dyck said, thanking everyone who took the time to share their thoughts. "It was a fantastic cross section—from students to parents to the general public, alumni, business people, staff."

HUGE PUBLIC RESPONSE

Thanks to the pandemic, GVSD wasn't able to host their usual public budget consultations. They instead sent out a survey that received 1,200 responses.



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Winkler city council okays \$18.5M budget

By Lorne Stelmach

A financial plan with a modest increase in spending and municipal taxes is in place for the City of Winkler for 2021.

Council gave first approval last week to a new budget that increases by 7.69 per cent to over \$18.5 million and which will have a 4.85 per cent impact on residential and commercial tax bills.

"We have a great opportunity here to move the city forward," suggested Mayor Martin Harder.

"Council felt it's reasonable again just so that we don't fall behind. ... To be able to run things properly, we feel it's important to increase a little bit in the budget.

"Last year, we had a zero increase in order to make sure that we could figure out what's going to happen as far as COVID was concerned. As far as our budget from last year, it was a good thing to do, but, at the same time, we still had a surplus, which just meant we weren't able to give the number of services to the community we normally do," he said. "So we're back to the regular service side of it, but the most important thing is we don't want to fall behind as far as infrastructure is concerned.

"When you see big projects like the wastewater, which may be coming up in 2021, you see a big project like 15th Street, you see the number of sewer

relinings ... some of them are hidden, some things are in plain view ... we need to ensure we don't fall behind."

The budget's impact on a residential property assessed at \$230,000 will be a \$61.89 increase in its municipal taxes to \$1,447.74, including the \$110 waste levy. A commercial property assessed at \$500,000 will pay \$194.35 more in municipal taxes with a total of \$4,006.28.

That residential tax bill of just under \$1,448 breaks down as follows in terms of where exactly the money

goes: \$274 for police services, \$238 for recreation services, \$199 for transportation services, \$190 for transfers to reserve, \$173 for fiscal services, \$145 for general government services, \$110 for waste disposal, \$63 for fire services, \$46

for economic services, \$39 for planning services, and \$12 for health and cemetery services.

The city will draw 66 per cent of its revenue from the net municipal taxes totalling \$12,282,614. The other 34 per cent comes from other revenue sources totalling \$6,256,938.

About 50 per cent of that other revenue comes through provincial tax sharing and funding at \$3,152,287, while other revenue sources include added taxes, protective fees and fines, investments and recreational services.

In addition, the city will draw 10 per cent more from its reserve funds at

\$2,428,059.

"There's also been an exorbitant amount more put into reserves because some projects are carried over," explained Harder. "And we didn't want to go to the taxpayer to say we want a bigger increase, rather dip into the reserves."

On the expenditure side, the largest portion of spending at 19 per cent goes towards policing followed by about 14 per cent each to recreation and culture services and transportation services.

Other areas include transfers to reserve at 13 per cent, fiscal services at 12 per cent, administration at 10 per cent and then lesser amounts to waste disposal, fire services, economic, planning, and health care.

Overall, labour costs represent about 34 per cent of the operating budget at \$6.4 million.

The financial plan also sets out a budget for utilities of over \$4.3 mil-

lion, and about half of that amount is \$2.1 million for sewer relining.

On the capital project list of course is the wastewater treatment project. That comes with a \$48.7 million price tag partially covered by provincial and federal funding. Winkler's contribution is \$10.5 million, which the city is borrowing.

Other major capital projects planned for this year include \$2.2 million for development of the Clover Creek industrial park, \$1.8 million for the 15th Street roundabout and improvements as well as \$890,000 for a reservoir on George Street.

Harder said the city is managing its debt load well while tackling these major projects. The total debt is set to be reduced from \$17.76 million to \$16.64 million, with that nearly entirely connected to the Meridian Exhibition Centre.

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"WE HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY HERE TO MOVE THE CITY FORWARD."

WINKLER'S 2021 BUDGET, BY THE NUMBERS

Here is a closer look at each area of the 2021 budget expenditures:

- Protective services sees a 5.5 per cent increase to over \$4.4 million, including \$3.5 million for policing.
- Recreation and cultural services is an 8.3 per cent increase to just over \$3 million. It includes support for such facilities and services as the arena, parks, swimming pool, and the library.
- Transportation services increase six per cent to \$2.5 million, including over \$1.5 million for road work. This also covers such areas as equipment costs, snow removal, and street lighting.
- Fiscal services jumps a 13.4 per cent to just under \$2.2 million, including almost \$1.7 million toward debenture debt.
- General government services rises 4.7 per cent to about \$1.7 million, including staffing and administrative costs.
- Environmental health services increases 1.8 per cent to \$875,500, which is nearly entirely for waste collection.
- Economic development services sees a 5.3 per cent increase to \$590,065, including support to a number of organizations in addition to community events.
- Environmental planning services rises 6.9 per cent to \$498,800, which is largely for planning and engineering costs.
- Health and welfare services receives a 16.7 per cent increase to \$159,228.

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JUDGE NOT ...

Dr. James Paul Humphries' demonization of secular individuals in his children's book *David's Song* [delivered as a flyer insert with last week's Voice] is abhorrent.

In his book Humphries refers to secular and non-religious individuals as "rubbish," "fools," "selfish," and "without value" simply for not sharing the same beliefs.

In a misguided attempt to "spread hope," the author instead spreads ignorance and intolerance. His overtly anti-science attitude is also particularly puzzling for someone referring to themselves as a doctor.

I'm well aware the Pembina Valley consists of mostly Christian communities and I am quite happy to have friends and family members that subscribe to the Christian faith.

With that said, the Pembina Valley is also quite diverse today with more and more secular and non-Christians calling Winkler and Morden home. I personally know many secular individuals that bring joy, happiness, and certainly value to their communities every day. We too also seek acceptance, and respect.

Just because we don't share the same beliefs does not mean we are immoral and "lost in the dark." Perhaps Dr. Humphries would benefit from re-reading Matthew 7:1 "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

Dave Penner,
Winkler

SHAMEFUL PROPAGANDA

The piece about *David's Song* and its author, not to mention a copy of this pamphlet in your paper, is shameful. To egregiously back an explicit religious message like this is embarrassing.

This is not a book of hope. It is thinly veiled message of hate for people who don't identify as Christian, and worse yet it is targeted at kids.

There is not an ounce of love, understanding or compassion—the three most important virtues we need to be instilling in our children. And in this

community it's going to end up in the minds of kids who go to school and play with other children who come from very diverse and unique sets of backgrounds and cultures and will only teach them to fear what is different from their own.

To back the hardline and divisive message of fire and brimstone Christianity like this should not be in the interest of your so-called "newspaper." At the very least it should be put under editorial and not "arts and culture" and at best your staff should want NOTHING to do with a fanatical message that is so obvious at the centre of this hateful propaganda.

You should issue a redaction and apologize to your readers who are not of this faith.

As a father to two children who will be raised without religion in this community, published rhetoric like this raises a lot of concerns for their and other similar children's wellbeing.

John Neufeld,
Morden

FIGHTING THE COVID WAR

I'm bothered when I hear about people struggling to accept the reality of the world today, and troubled when I think of what our ancestors that endured the Great War and the Third Reich must think of us when they look down and hear our entitled cries about "freedom." Trying to invent

a reality where our actions don't have consequences for others.

The reality is that us, and every nation on the earth, is at war. A new kind of war, waged by nature. Biological warfare on a scale we have never seen. This is not a war fought far away. This war is insidious and affects our neighbours and our children. This war has taken away family members and forced us to grieve in silence.

And this war is not over. We have only just breached the enemy's defences. We are finally able to fight back.

And yes, we're all tired of fighting. We want to go back to a time when we felt more free. But the enemy is not gone. The enemy is changing, and adapting, and if we let our guard down we too may be the next casualties.

So buck up. It's when you crawl out of the trenches that the enemy will most easily take you. We have our marching orders, and whether or not we agree with them, we've all been drafted to care for the home front.

Don't be a coward, it's not like your country asked you to carry a gun and kill others for something you don't believe in, just to wear the uniform, and wash your filthy hands. And may those that stood for the enemy be made to endure in shame.

Sally Friesen,
Winkler

Our apologies

Last week's edition of the *Voice* included a flyer insert titled *David's Song* as well as an arts and culture article published inside the paper talking with the author about its creation.

The insert was a paid advertisement while the story was written at the request of the author to share some of the background behind his work.

That work included passages that

were deeply insulting to non-Christian members of our community who are of other faiths or perhaps no faith at all.

The staff at the *Voice* sincerely apologizes to anyone that felt insulted. It was not our intention to promote divisiveness in our increasingly multicultural and diverse community.

Our deepest apologies.

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ACU reports on a challenging but fruitful year

By Lorne Stelmach

Access Credit Union has remained in a strong position despite the challenges posed by the pandemic.

That was the message as directors and about 140 members gathered virtually last Monday for the annual general meeting, where board chair Ingrid Loewen reflected also on how the Jan. 1 amalgamation with Crosstown Civic Credit Union has helped them in dealing with uncertain times.

"Against the threat of COVID-19 in 2020, we also found resiliency, innovation, and a desire to move forward no matter the challenges. Partnering two organizations whose strengths complemented each other now seems confirmation of the benefits of amalgamation," Loewen suggested in her report.

"The financial strength of both organizations allowed us to not only weather the disruption of 2020 and end in a strong financial position but to begin the fulfillment of many of the commitments made to members of both legacy credit unions as we build out the business case for our amalgamation."

Loewen also credited it for "allowing our expanded team to implement new technologies to assist members, to support each other in building up new capabilities and building a transformational credit union dedicated to continuing high standards of member service and delivering on our brand promise to be where you need us to

be."

ACU president and CEO Larry Davey also suggested having a working relationship with Crosstown coming into the amalgamation helped the transition go smoothly and meet their commitments while also supporting members through the pandemic.

"I think what really helped both credit unions is they spent a lot of time setting up staff to work virtually and then having them spend a lot of time with members in getting them through all of the government programs that were being offered to make sure members were being looked after," he said. "They were there to assist members who maybe were struggling."

In 2020, Access recorded an 11.7 per cent growth in assets to almost \$3.2 billion, while deposits rose 10.9 per cent to over \$2.8 billion and loans went up seven per cent to over \$2.5 billion. Gross operating income was up 13.3 per cent to almost \$20.4 million.

For Crosstown Civic, assets increased 3.7 per cent to over \$2.6 billion, while deposits were up 3.6 per cent to just under \$2.5 billion and loans declined 1.8 per cent to just over \$2 billion. Gross operating income saw almost no change at \$15.2 million.

Perhaps the most significant news for members was that the credit union announced a total combined

cash redemption of \$8.2 million, including a patronage allocation of \$2.4 million to Crosstown members and \$3.2 million to Access members.

It fulfils a commitment made in moving forward with the merger, explained Loewen, who noted both credit unions agreed on maximizing the ability to pay patronage to members as part of the cooperative values and a belief that members should share in their profits.

Also announced was a new enhanced patronage program that will pay bonuses in cash to members. More details on the program are scheduled to be released in the coming months.

"Access Credit Union is a true co-operative. As shareholders of Access, our success is your success," said Davey. "Access is proud to be sharing our profits with our members in what has been a challenging year for many individuals and businesses. Despite the challenges, both legacy credit unions financial position remained strong and our member-owners are seeing the benefit through the member rewards program."

In the question and answer session that concluded the meeting, directors said the longer term strategic plan could always allow for further mergers to be considered, but there is nothing on the horizon at the moment.

"Everything we hear from our colleagues in our system tells us that it's



Access Credit Union CEO Larry Davey, shown here in a screenshot from the financial institution's online AGM last week, says they've remained in a strong position despite the challenges the pandemic has posed.

important for credit unions to continue to grow to be successful and sustainable, so strategic mergers are definitely an opportunity for us to grow to ensure that sustainability and strength for our members," said Loewen. "They will be considered for the future."

"ACCESS IS PROUD TO BE SHARING OUR PROFITS WITH OUR MEMBERS IN WHAT HAS BEEN A CHALLENGING YEAR FOR MANY INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES."

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"At the end of this coming year, there's going to be zero debt other than the [Meridian Exhibition Centre]. I think it's a pretty aggressive debt repayment process ... we want to actually reduce our other debt to a lower level," said Harder, noting their plan will be to pay off the wastewater project over 15 years rather than 20.

"Our staff and our engineering department have been very vigilant to make sure that we are planning for the future, not just simply for what's able to be seen today," Harder concluded. "Those are necessary projects. There's not a lot of glory in putting in a sewer line ... but we need to make sure it's done as our city continues to grow."

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Grant helping BTHC ER modernize medication dispensation

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Thanks to funding from the Canadian Medical Association Foundation, the Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation is able to purchase a major piece of equipment for the BTHC's emergency department this spring.

The BTHC Foundation was approved for a grant of \$100,000 through the CMA Foundation's COVID-19 relief initiative in support of those on the frontlines of the pandemic.

The grant announced last week will be used to purchase a BD PyxisMedstation ES Automatic Dispensing Cabinet to modernize how medication is delivered in the ER.

"In the big hospitals in Winnipeg they have these everywhere—not just in the ER but throughout the building," says BTHC Foundation executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett, who explains the units make for a more efficient, precise system of medication management.

When Samatte-Folkett found out about the availability of CMA Foundation funding, she reached out to hospital leaders to see what equipment they hoped to add to BTHC's arsenal. These cabinets were at the top of the list.

"Ensuring that appropriate medication therapy is initiated and administered on schedule is essential for pa-

BTHC is getting one of these automated dispensing cabinets for the ER thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the CMA Foundation.

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tients receiving care in the hospital," notes Jane Curtis, CEO of Southern Health-Santé Sud. "The new automatic dispensing cabinets will optimize medication safety and work-

flow efficiency so that patients in the hospital can get the medication they require right when they need it."

The grant covers the bulk of the costs of the unit, with the RHA providing the rest.

BTHC Foundation board chair Ben Friesen is pleased the foundation was able to facilitate this purchase.

"We are thankful to the CMA Foundation for generously funding this project that will support the safety of medication therapy for health care workers and patients receiving care at BTHC," he says.

The money comes specifically from the CMA Foundation's COVID-19 Community Hospital Fund. The \$5 million fund was created to assist hospitals across Canada with fewer than 100 beds.

"I am inspired every day by the dedication of physicians, health care providers and all hospital workers as they continue to confront the COVID-19 pandemic head-on," says Allison Seymour, CMA Foundation president.

"We know these are extraordinary times that require extraordinary support. From managing evolving health care needs to addressing changes in your community, to ensuring the proper equipment and training for your staff, our hope is that these funds will have a positive impact as you continue to navigate the challenges of the pandemic."

The CMA Foundation is the charitable arm of the Canadian Medical Association. The foundation has to date committed more than \$30 million in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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> VALLEY FIBER, FROM PG. 3

During construction, up to 400 jobs will be created, with an additional 50 permanent jobs within Valley Fiber.

Wall described the project as being shovel ready this spring or summer. They're aiming for completion by 2024.

Officials heralded the partnership as a major step forward to boost the growth and development of rural Manitoba.

"Our \$130 million investment will help Manitobans receive broadband service and create new economic opportunities, support public services like health and education and strengthen rural communities," said Ehren Cory, CEO of the Canada Infrastructure Bank. "There is a tremendous opportunity to expand broadband networks and the CIB looks forward to making many more investments

which benefit Canadians."

"Rolling out fibre broadband to remote locations in Canada will improve many facets of people's everyday life," noted Marko Kremer, head of Americas for DIF Capital Partners. "It will provide critical broadband access to many Canadians living in under serviced regions and enable rural communities in Manitoba to participate in the digitalization of the global economy."

Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, praised the initiative as "benefitting the local economy and building more inclusive communities. This is part of our government's plan to ensure all Canadians have access to quality, high-speed internet services."

Salem Home marks 65 years of care with major renos

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Salem Home in Winkler is marking a milestone anniversary this year with its biggest renovation project ever.

In honour of the facility's 65th anniversary, the personal care home board has announced plans to upgrade 60 resident rooms in the oldest part of the building, which went up in 1972.

As challenging as the COVID-19 pandemic has been for Salem, CEO Sherry Janzen said it also opened up a rare opportunity to tackle these renovations with as little upheaval as possible.

"Because we couldn't do any admissions during the outbreaks that we were in from November to February, we were presented with the opportunity of a number of empty beds that are now allowing us to do this," she said. "We'll never have an opportunity of having 20 empty beds ever again."

Those empty beds meant staff could temporarily move some residents of the Cottonwood wing out of the renovation area for phase one of the project. The remaining 40 rooms (which includes 10 rooms in the Maple unit) will be renovated in phases two and three.

The renovations will be extensive, with each room being pulled apart to get rid of any asbestos in the walls and install air conditioning and a fire suppression system in each space and a larger air handling unit that meets modern air exchange codes.

The rooms will also get new, hardier furniture, draperies, flooring, state-of-the-art electric beds, and lift systems to make it easier to get residents in and out of their beds and into the washroom.

Also in the plans is the installation of way-finding triggers to help resi-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Salem Home is tackling a massive renovation project designed to bring the 1972 part of the building up to modern standards. Sixty resident rooms will be affected.

dents living with dementia better navigate their home.

"This project will ensure that the building remains current and usable for future years," noted Salem board chair James Peters. "We want the residents to live in an environment that is suitable to their needs."

All these changes are long overdue, added Janzen.

"I think anyone who has had family member would understand why these renovations need to happen," she said. "It would be like my mom and dad building a house in 1972 and nothing had ever, ever changed in that house until today. So that means we have bright orange or bright gold countertops in the bathrooms, we would have old furniture, we would have old floors."

"If you never change anything, eventually it's hard to live in that space. Environment is really important. When your whole life comes down to one room, that room is very important, and how the room looks and how it functions is very important."

The entire project is pegged at about \$1.5 million, with Manitoba Health and Southern Health-Santé Sud expected to chip in some amount (exactly how much is still being negotiated).

Salem Foundation, the home's fundraising arm, is heading up a donation campaign to cover costs.

"Every single dollar counts," said Arlen Hildebrand, foundation board chair, adding he always has faith that the community will step up in support of improving the lives of Salem's residents.



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A glimpse inside one of the aging rooms slated to be renovated at Salem Home. This area of the building looks much the same as it did when it was built nearly 50 years ago.

Donation information is available online at saalemhome.ca or by calling the foundation at 204-325-4316.

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New scholarship fund to benefit GVC students

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The legacy of Kaitlyn Reimer will live on in a new way thanks to the generosity of Kerry and Darlene Pollock.

The Morden couple have set up a new fund at the Winkler Community Foundation to support the creation of a Kaitlyn Marie Reimer Scholarship in memory of the teen behind Katie Cares and the Katie's Cottage respite home.

"We're big believers in Katie's vision and determination to make this place happen," said Kerry Pollock in a gathering at Katie's Cottage last week to announce the new \$1,000 scholarship for Garden Valley Collegiate students.

"What she was doing when she was fighting cancer, to be thinking of other people during that time, is truly inspiring," he continued. "Which is one of the reasons why we wanted to do something in her memory in perpetuity to give some kids the opportunity to go to school and further their education, which I'm sure she would have done if she had been around to do it."

Ruth Reimer has no doubt her late daughter would have continued her education.

"Kaitlyn loved school. Her ideal was being able to go to school and read and write and be a writer," she said, noting Katie had often talked about becoming a marine biologist when she grew up.

Before her death at age 15, Katie at-



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

Kerry and Darlene Pollock (far right) with the Reimer family (Randy and Ruth, son John, and granddaughter Clarke) at Katie's Cottage last week. The Pollocks have set up a scholarship fund in memory of Kaitlyn Reimer that will support graduating GVC students.

tended school at GVC, which is why her family have decided to keep the scholarship there in support of future graduating Zodiacs.

The first award will go out in 2022. The recipient will be selected by the Reimer family.

Pollock hopes other community members will come on board to support the scholarship fund. Anyone can make a donation to it, growing the

principal so that the interest can be granted out.

"Hopefully as time goes on the fund will grow and people will contribute to it and we'll be able to generate more than one \$1,000 scholarship on an annual basis to some deserving students at Garden Valley Collegiate."

The Pollock family are no strangers to endowment funds—they've had one with the Winnipeg Foundation for years. It generates thousands of

dollars in grants annually to such local agencies as Katie Cares and the BTHC Foundation.

Reimer is grateful to the Pollocks for their generosity, which began when the couple toured the respite home shortly after it opened five years ago.

"They just embraced everything about Katie's Cottage so quickly and they've been donors ever since. And not only donors but good friends of ours," she said. "For that I am forever grateful."

AN ADDITIONAL DONATION

In addition to getting this new scholarship fund going, the Pollocks surprised Katie's Cottage with an additional donation last week.

They presented Reimer with a cheque for \$10,000 to cover the cost of putting up a pergola in the facility's backyard.

"It has been something that we have wanted to do for awhile," a delighted Reimer said after accepting the donation. "It will just finish that space off so nicely, and then cancer patients can sit outside in the sun and not be affected by the sun. Because when you're on chemo you can't necessarily sit in the sun. This will give us a nice shade structure to finish it up."

The pergola will be built in memory of Pollock's father, Bill, who passed away last year.

"He was a big believer in paying it forward," Pollock said of his dad.

Work on the project got underway this week.

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United Way gives back \$135,800

By Lorne Stelmach

The new United Way Pembina Valley is capping off a challenging but exciting year with the distribution of \$135,800 in grants to 23 local non-profit agencies.

It is the first distribution of funds by the organization created from the merger of the Morden and Winkler United Ways, and directors were very pleased with the results of the campaign, which brought in a total \$138,900 this past winter. In addition to the grants, \$3,100 from the campaign is earmarked for scholarships and bursaries for graduating students in Winkler and Morden.

The communities stepped up again this year as they always do, but the pandemic had added a level of uncertainty, acknowledged president Kim Nelson.

"I'm very pleased. It was a very successful campaign despite all of the pandemic challenges that this year brought to everyone," she said. "We have always been blessed by the support

of the local communities and have been able to support a good number of agencies, so it's very nice to see that we were able to support 23 local agencies.

"We see the value in the work that is done by all of these agencies."

Nelson said it was difficult to go into the campaign with a specific goal given not only the pandemic but also some uncertainty with how it would go with the amalgamation.

"It's comforting and it's exciting to know that support is there, as even though the way the Pembina Valley continues to just grow and expand, we weren't sure what to expect because this was the first year with the merger.

"This gives us hope, and we are excited with the new possibilities for United Way Pembina Valley."

She added the directors of United Way Pembina Valley were now excited to move ahead with planning for their first full year as a new regional entity.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Muffins for Munchkins a big hit

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Morden-Winkler's inaugural Muffins for Munchkins campaign was an unqualified success last month.

Full proceeds from the sale of every \$1 muffin at the Morden and Winkler Coffee Culture locations March 17-19 were earmarked for the Winkler Family Resource Centre and the Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre.

The campaign raised \$2,008—no small feat for its first time out.

"We were very, very busy baking muffins," said owner/manager Lisa Zacharias. "I didn't expect us to be making quite so many, but my staff and I, we just had fun with it. We really enjoyed it."

"It was really good to see how the community supported us with this



PHOTO BY ASHLEIGH VIVEIROS/VOICE

From left: Coffee Culture's Lisa Zacharias presented Cathy Savage and Jen Froese from the Winkler and Morden family resource centres with a cheque for \$2,008 last week, representing the proceeds from the inaugural Muffins for Munchkins fundraiser.

fundraiser."

Cathy Savage, who heads up both family resource centres, was thrilled as well at the response.

"It went above and beyond all expectations," she said as she stopped by Coffee Culture last week to pick up the donation cheque from Zacharias.

"When you do something for the first time it takes awhile to catch on, but this did not take long at all."

Savage sends thanks out to everyone who bought a muffin—whether it was one or 100 (as was the case with a few generous local businesses who treated their staff that week).

"This money will go right back into our pre-school programs," she said, "which is really good because funding is short these days, so to be able to do something like this right now has just been amazing."

"We hope to do it all again next year," added Zacharias.

> UNITED WAY, FROM PG. 10

"It's great to have such a dedicated volunteer board who really see the value of this in Morden and Winkler and appreciate all the things the non-profits can bring to the Pembina Valley, so we're excited to continue building those relationships with all the local non-profits."

The 23 agencies benefiting from the United Way campaign include:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Pembina Valley: \$12,700 for ongoing mentoring programming.
- Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation: \$13,600 for hospital equipment.
- Cerebral Palsy Association of Manitoba: \$1,100 towards the creation of a Pembina Valley sled hockey league.
- Child and Family Services of Central Manitoba Foundation: \$7,100 to give children the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Eden Health Care Services: \$9,800 for its volunteer programming.
- Gateway Resources: \$13,800 to-

wards the purchase of trishaw bikes to get people with disabilities out into the community and for outdoor furnishings for its summer camp program.

- Genesis House: \$6,800 for ongoing programming for women and children.

- Katie Cares: \$2,400 to purchase a tractor for respite home yard maintenance.

- Morden Activity Centre: \$3,500 for programs and activities for seniors in the community.

- Morden Christmas Cheer Board: \$4,500 for its annual care hamper program.

- Morden Parent and Child Resource Centre: \$2,900 for ongoing programming and a new website.

- Morden Services for Seniors: \$4,300 towards new kitchen countertops and equipment.

- Morden Youth for Christ: \$9,300 for ongoing youth programming.

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SCRL book sale a weekly event this year

Morden library hosting sale every Thursday, pop-up sales planned for other branches this summer

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The South Central Regional Library's giant annual book sale is a no-go this year, but that doesn't mean you can't fill your shelves with used treasures.

Instead of one weekend in May, the library is hosting a weekly book sale in the former Variety Advertising space beside the Morden branch starting April 1.

The site will be open every Thursday from 1-5 p.m. and the last Saturday of the month from now until the books run out.

"That's where we have been pricing for the past two years and we had a pop-up sale there last summer in the lead-up to the big sale," explained director of library services Cathy Ching. "We can't have the big sale this year ... so this is what we're going to do instead."

Morden's sale could run for months, but it's not the only place book lovers will be able to stock up—SCRL's branches in Winkler, Miami, Manitou, and Altona are also planning various one-off sales throughout the summer.

"Winkler's hoping to have one in their lobby the week we normally have our sale," Ching said, adding some of the other branches were looking at timing their smaller sales to their community's usual festival weekends (even

if the festivals don't happen this year). Firmer details will be released by the branches in the weeks and months ahead.

All the branches are now accepting book donations for these sales—just call ahead before stopping by to drop them off.

Ching said they already have dozens of boxes of materials priced and ready to go. The stock will be refreshed regularly so it will be like a new sale almost every week.

"We'll be going through them pretty quick, I think," she said. "We'll be pricing continually and there will be fresh books all the time ... it might actually be a better sale."

Ching noted that they have been asked why they don't just move the large sale to another location this year, what with Morden's community hall tied up with the COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

"We just don't know what's going to happen. It was so stressful last year," she said. The 2020 sale was at first postponed as the pandemic began and then held with restrictions in fall. "We squeaked it through and then everything went to code orange that same week. We don't want to go through that again."

With all those challenges, last year's sale brought in about two-thirds what it usually does. Ching isn't sure what to expect this year.



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Looking to restock your bookshelf? The Morden Library hosts SCRL's book sale this year every Thursday afternoon and the last Saturday of the month. Pop-up sales are also planned for the other branches.

"Our goal usually is about \$18,000. If we make half of that we'll be happy," she said, explaining every dollar goes towards new materials purchases for the libraries.

> UNITED WAY GRANTS, FROM PG. 11

- Pembina Counselling Centre: \$5,400 for subsidized counselling services and workshops.

- Pembina Hills Art Council: \$2,100 in support of visual arts programming.

- Pembina Valley Child Care Centres Inc.: \$2,900 for ongoing programming.

- Pembina Valley Humane Society: \$3,000 for staffing and a spay/neuter program.

- Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre: \$7,100 for pregnancy support programming.

- Salem Home: \$7,300 towards its volunteer coordinator position.

- Winkler Villages for Older Adults:

\$5,600 towards its rooftop terrace project.

- Winkler Day Care: \$2,900 towards improvements to their gym space.

- Winkler Family Resource Centre: \$2,900 for operational expenses.

- Winkler Senior Centre: \$4,800 for its volunteer program coordinator position.

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Morden, Winkler to receive nearly \$1.8M for housing projects

By Lorne Stelmach

Winkler and Morden are among 10 Manitoba communities that got some provincial cash for housing this week.

The Manitoba government is providing a total of \$12 million in funding to the municipalities to help address the need for affordable housing initiatives. Winkler is receiving \$1,064,000, while Morden is getting \$732,000.

Winkler Mayor Martin Harder said receiving word Monday morning was a great way to start the week.

"It came out of the blue ... it's certainly recognizing that we have an affordable housing issue to deal with, and we've known that for quite some time. We have done some work," said Harder. "We've come a long way as far as dealing with affordable housing and having proper housing to have our community live in ... we want to expand that to ensure the needs of our community are being met."

"We have had a bit of a model in place that we just have not had the opportunity to explore yet, but we want to make sure that it is a model that will work for us long term. This can certainly provide some of the seed capital to get it done," said Morden Mayor Brandon Burley.

Morden-Winkler MLA Cameron Friesen heralded this funding announcement as a way to help accelerate the development of more affordable housing in the province.

"When it comes to our communities of Morden and Winkler and the RM of Stanley, we grow, and we continue to grow, and with that growth comes the challenge of finding a place that's affordable for people," said Friesen.

"It recognizes that the communities themselves have already been

grappling with the issue," he added. "Both communities are signalling that they are already thinking about what would be the best options ... to create the spaces that are needed."

In a news release, Families Minister Rochelle Squires noted this new provincial funding aligns with current needs and represents a balanced approach to creating affordable housing opportunities.

Squires suggested the funding will benefit groups that are more likely to experience barriers

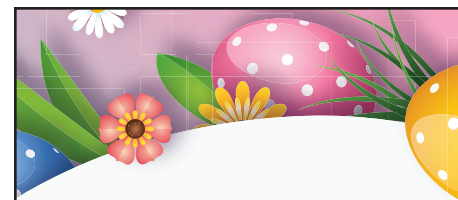
to housing such as Indigenous households, single-parent families, and new Canadians including refugees as

hit particularly hard," said Squires.

"This funding will enable and empower our municipal partners to help those who face barriers to housing in their communities, by supporting the

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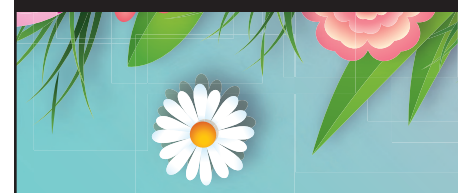
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IBS Facts

- 13-20% of Canadians (approximately 5 – 7.5 million individuals) are living with IBS
- only 40% of them will seek medical help
- it is more common in women, but still affects many men
- people of all ages have IBS, from young children to the elderly
- the economic burden of IBS is \$6.5 billion annually in Canada
- Canadians with IBS miss an average of 13 days of work per year, leading to a further \$8 billion in lost productivity
- the primary symptoms are what we call the ABCDs of IBS – Abdominal pain, Bloating, and Constipation and/or Diarrhea
- symptoms can come and go, so you might feel well for a while only to get symptoms again

• IBS is the most common condition diagnosed by gastroenterologists and is one of the most frequently seen conditions

• The underlying cause of IBS is still unclear and, as there are no diagnostic disease markers for IBS, guidelines recommend doctors make a positive diagnosis using criteria that are based on the person's symptoms.

BS Diet Suggestions:

- Eat all cooked vegetables, except perhaps cabbage, cauliflower, and broccoli – which might cause too much gas – however, if they are your favourite foods and they don't cause problems for you, then go for them too.
- Try fruits without the skins. Some people might have problems with melons, apples, and citrus fruits. Some IBS patients benefit from increasing the fibre content of their diet. When it comes to fibre, increase this slowly and ensure a water intake of 1.5-2L/day.
- Bran fibre may aggravate some symptoms of IBS so be alert for any negative reactions to this food.

• Usually people with IBS can tolerate bread, pasta, rice, bagels, and crackers, in any variety including rye, whole wheat, white, gluten free, etc, unless you also have celiac disease or a gluten intolerance.

• Some find seeds challenging, but experiment to see if they bother you or not.

• Dairy products only cause problems for people who are lactose intolerant, so enjoy these products freely. If you have lactose intolerance as well as IBS, you could try lactose-free products or a Lactaid® pill.

• Enjoy all meat, chicken and fish. Some people have problems with heavily spiced, sauced, or fried foods.

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Golf courses ready and raring to go

By Lorne Stelmach

It may still be uncertain just what the season will look like, but the golf clubs in Winkler and Morden are doing what they can to get ready for it.

There might even be potential for earlier starts, though both clubs right now are hoping first for some moisture to help the condition of the greens.

"It's been a strange winter ... it's not ideal conditions for the course. I think our big problem now is the dry conditions. We've got to pray we'll get some rain or another dump of snow before spring comes," said Greg Hesom, club manager and head pro in Winkler.

"It wintered well with the mild weather. There shouldn't be any snow mould because there wasn't really any snow," said Geoff Kehler, Minnewasta's pro. "It will be very dry, so we need some spring rains or even a little bit of snow or something to get some moisture in the ground."

Kehler said the winter season at the course is taken up with a lot of planning, with time to focus on membership and budgeting for the year ahead.

"Usually winters are quieter, but this year especially was busy selling memberships and green fee packages, more so than other winters," he said.

"I also run a winter golf school, which I wasn't really allowed to do until late February, so I got a few weeks of teaching in," Kehler added. "With everyone in lockdown it would have been nice to be able to teach because it would have given people something else to do."

Kehler is optimistic that they should be able to get in a full golf season this year, albeit with similar rules and restrictions to last year.

"It'll be nice. Hopefully with the vaccines and everything we won't need to have extra restrictions. The restrictions we have right now affect golf a little bit, but I think in 2020 golf as a whole proved that it's very safe to play, being outside and social distancing naturally, so I think a lot of people flocked to golf."

"It will be very similar to the 2020 season with restrictions ... the flags will have to stay in, the bunker rakes won't be out, no ball washers and things like that."

"It could be even busier perhaps," he suggested. "All signs though are pointing to an early season. We're going to look at it this week and make a decision on a tentative opening date."

"League play we're going to try to make a go of it but obviously following the health orders," Kehler added.



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Morden golf pro Geoff Kehler (above) and Winkler pro Greg Hesom (below) say the local courses could use a bit more moisture but otherwise the season is poised to start soon. Winkler already has its driving range open.

"We were able to get them in last year. The men's league had to start a little bit later just because of the size."

The schedule of course includes the men's, ladies, and senior open sometime in September, but there is little else in the works right now.

"Right now we have the provincial Legion tournament but nothing from Golf Manitoba," Kehler said. "We had a good run of probably five or six years where we had a Golf Manitoba event here."

In Winkler, it was a busy off-season of course with the transition to the new clubhouse.

"It's been good work. It's exciting work obviously getting into the new building, figuring out how to set everything up and trying to foresee everything, but it's exciting to see how good it looks and knowing we are going to be able to serve our membership better," said Hesom.

The conditions remain a question mark, he reiterated.

"We need water on the greens before we have a lot of traffic across them otherwise we will not have good greens come May, June or July," he said. "They need water, but we can't turn the irrigation on because the regular ground is still frozen. We need it to get warm quick so we can turn the irrigation on or get some moisture."

Hesom didn't see any reason why the golf season shouldn't be able to

start on time with the necessary COVID restrictions.

"I'm optimistic. I think we proved last year that golf is a safe activity to do if all of the practices are followed. I don't see any reason why we can't do at least what we did last year."

"Obviously, there's the social distancing, not gathering in the clubhouse after league. We follow what we need to, and there's no reason not to be able to play golf."

"I hope once May rolls around, which is when we start our leagues, that we're allowed to do a hundred people outside and get a full season in," said Hesom, noting the men's league had over 200 involved, so they had to be split up over two nights last year with a staggered start time as well.

"Tournaments are a more difficult thing ... we'll just have to take it as it comes and work around it."

In the meantime, those who were anxious to get swinging have been able to start using the driving range in Winkler.

"The driving range is open, subject to the weather obviously. We'll have it open when the weather is decent," Hesom said. "We were pretty steady all day the other weekend, so it was nice to see some guys out."

"And people are excited about [the clubhouse]. I really can't wait for it to get green and for the trees to come out to enjoy that view."



Homegrown talent hits the ice for NWHL championship

By Lorne Stelmach

A Mordenite got her shot at a major hockey championship after all this past weekend.

Taylor Woods had earned a spot on defence for the Toronto Six, who were among six teams competing for the National Women's Hockey League title.

The shortened regular season and playoff was to have all happened in Lake Placid, N.Y. from Jan. 23 to Feb. 5, but play was halted just before the semi-finals when two teams had to withdraw due to COVID-19 positive test results.

The good news came recently though that the playoff round was re-scheduled to last weekend in Brighton, Mass. The semifinals went Friday with Toronto taking on the Boston Pride and the Minnesota Whitecaps challenging the Connecticut Whale. Boston outed Toronto 6-2 and then won their second NWHL title with a 4-3 victory over the Minnesota Whitecaps Saturday night.

"The pandemic has brought a whole range of emotions into play," said Woods last week. "The on again, off again ... you go into the bubble and think you're going to play ... then it doesn't go as planned.

"There was not a moment in my mind though where I wasn't go to play again ... we knew there was going to be something, it was just at what point," she added. "I'm glad that we got to where we were now. Let's have the playoff and finish it.

"We were rolling," said Woods, who had registered four goals and five points for Toronto as it finished first in the round robin with a 4-1-1 record.

"There wasn't a doubt in my mind that we were going to keep continuing that way, continue proving ourselves

and show who we are," she said. "Now we get that chance to finish it off and show that we belong in this league."

The 26-year-old, who now lives in Hamilton where she works as a strength and skills coach, suggested there are a couple key factors behind the success of the team and herself individually.

"I'm always exposed to the game, always exposed to the training, so that sort of keeps me in check as far as hockey as well as my physical condition," said Woods, who sees great benefit from her ongoing work with players.

"All the girls on the team here have a tight bond. That's how we've worked through it all," she said. "I'm grateful to have the opportunity to work with this great group of girls that we have here."

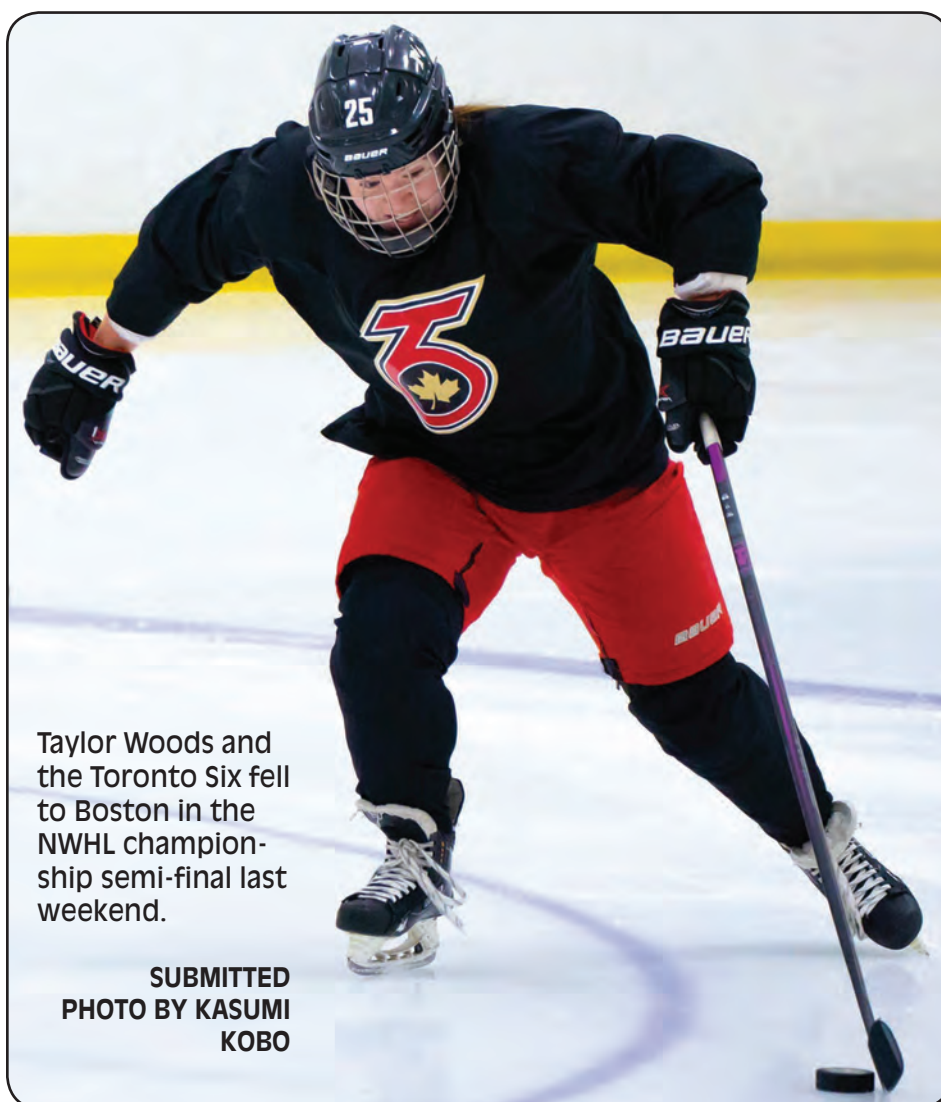
Coming from her early years in Morden, where she first played hockey with boys because there was no girls team then, Woods eventually played on female teams at what were then the pee wee and midget levels.

At age 15, she went to study and play hockey at Athol Murray College in Notre Dame, Saskatchewan, helping the Hounds win the 2011 Esso Cup as Canada's national female U18 champions.

She returned to Manitoba to complete her final year of high school at Balmoral Hall, and she then added world champion to her achievements in helping Team Canada win gold at the 2012 U18 championship.

Then came four seasons at Cornell University followed by one season in Brampton, Ont. and two in Markham, Ont. with the Thunder organization of the now-defunct Canadian Women's Hockey League.

She's welcomed the opportunity to get back to competing in the NWHL.



Taylor Woods and the Toronto Six fell to Boston in the NWHL championship semi-final last weekend.

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"It's getting more popular, even just women's sports in general," Woods suggested. "Even just having the exposure for the women's game is great. People are noticing, and that's great because there is so much talent out there that deserves to be shown. I'm glad it's being seen on a wider platform so people can notice us.

"The game has come a long way," she added, noting there are more opportunities now such as the hockey academy program in Pilot Mound. "To

have something like that out there is amazing for the game."

She doesn't know what next season will bring, but Woods would love to have the opportunity to compete professionally again. It is uncertain what that will look like at this point, but she wasn't thinking ahead as she hit the ice this past weekend.

"Right now, I have just been focused on the weekend and playing well for my team here," she concluded. "We had some unfinished business."

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creation of affordable housing and home ownership opportunities that will protect more families for years to come."

The municipalities will determine how to best use the funding for housing affordability and development and leverage additional sources of funding if desired. Mayor Harder said there will be consultation in Winkler.

"We will be looking for suggestions, what is the greatest need within our community, and then as council we will decide what portion or all of it goes to which project," he said, not-

ing they have the option of putting it towards the Winkler Affordable Housing Corp.

"It may not necessarily go through there, but that's certainly one of the options," said Harder. "We will have a conversation together with that group and then subsequent to that with council and try to figure out exactly how we're going to distribute it."

Burley said the issue of affordable housing has been under consideration by council for some time, but they need to look at both short term and long term solutions.

"We have been looking at models like Winkler implemented for a friendly takeover of provincial housing stock ... that's certainly something that we would be interested in here," he said. "We want to ensure that anything that we undertake has the ultimate goal in mind but also addresses the short term needs of our community.

"It's going to take a much larger long term vision from the community," Burley added. "It's something that we will be seeking to identify and have been for about a year and a half now, which is looking for part-

ners in the community who would be interested in helping oversee a project like this for Morden," said Burley.

"One of the things that I'm most concerned about is ensuring that there's a long term governance strategy that is inclusive for all members of our community. We also want to make sure we move forward as quickly as possible to help our community," he concluded, stressing that they would be looking for community input. "We want to identify and create the right program and we will need help."

Education bill to dissolve school divisions delayed by opposition NDP

By Patricia Barrett

A provincial Conservative bill that proposes to dissolve 37 school divisions across the province will be delayed by the Opposition NDP until the fall sitting of the Legislature.

Calling Bill 64 a "power grab," the NDP's education critic Nello Altomare announced last week his party's intention to use its powers to delay the 300-plus-page bill in order to give teachers and parents time to read and consider it.

The bill "gets rid of school boards that made decisions for the betterment of kids, not for the advancement of a political agenda," said Altomare on Twitter.

The government wants to create a single provincial education authority (PEA) composed of a six-to-11-member board that will oversee education and determine the number of schools in communities. It also wants to establish school community councils that will be made up of parents, who'll be tasked with duties such as the over-

seeing of hiring teachers and staff, assessing program effectiveness, and recommending disciplinary action.

The government says the changes are necessary in order to improve Manitoba students' scholastic achievement, which is among the lowest in Canada in some subjects.

Altomare said the bill will remove local voices, allowing decisions to be made by people in Winnipeg with no connection to small towns and also threaten the very survival of small towns as no one will want to live in towns that lack schools.

The NDP can delay five bills from proceeding to second reading until the fall sitting of the Legislature.

Manitoba School Boards Association president Alan Campbell said the bill won't likely receive second and third reading and royal assent until November 2021 "at the earliest."

The NDP's delay is important in that it "changes timelines," said Campbell by phone last week.

It will give people time to review the extensive bill, the recommendations

made by the K-12 education commission and weigh the government's new strategy. It will also give people time to prepare to speak about the changes before a House standing committee, which will review the bill after it passes second reading.

Campbell said "close to 200 people" have already signed up to speak at the committee hearings.

"Once it receives second reading, it moves pretty quickly to third reading and royal assent," said Campbell. "For all of us in education that are trying to raise Manitobans' awareness about the damage this proposed legislation will do, we now have time to review it."

Campbell is providing regular updates on the issue via brief recorded videos that are being posted on the association's Twitter page.

In a post last week, Campbell said the delay will allow educators to understand the contents of Bill 64 and to "hold it up beside the report from the K-12 review commission and ask questions about why the government



MSBA president Alan Campbell

is proposing legislation that ignores so many important aspects of that million-dollar, K-12 review report."

The association, which provides leadership and advocacy to school divisions and educators, is encouraging people to register and speak before the House committee whose dates will be announced later this year. People can call the Office of the Clerk at the Legislature (204-945-3636) to register.

Manitoba's COVID-19 variant cases on the rise

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The number of COVID-19 variant cases in Manitoba continues to rise.

Public health officials announced 136 confirmed cases of the more contagious variants of the virus on Monday, the bulk (117) popping up in Winnipeg.

At press time, Manitoba's total number of variant cases was at 259. The number of active COVID-19 cases overall, meanwhile, was 1,117. There were a total of 149 COVID-19 hospitalizations, 27 ICU patients.

The total number of deaths in people with COVID-19 was 934 at the start of the week.

This big jump in variant cases is due in part to the way the province is identifying them, explained Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief public health officer.

"To date, we have only been reporting sequence-positive VOCs [variants of concern], but because our manner of screening has become so precise, Manitoba will now start to report on all samples that screen positive as a variant of concern," he said, noting sequencing is a much more time-intensive process and not always necessary for identification. "That's why today we're going to see a jump in the number of variant of concern cases, because now we've included ones that have just screened positive that

would have been pending sequencing in the past."

The B117 variant first detected in the United Kingdom is rapidly becoming a much more common strain here in Manitoba.

"One day last week up to a third of our cases had screened positive for B117, and this is showing us that the B117 strain, like many other jurisdictions in Canada, is becoming the predominant strain," Roussin said. "We know these [variants] are here, we can see in other jurisdictions they're leading to an increase in transmission, an increase in hospitalization at younger ages, and an increase in severity, so this is why we need to ensure we are staying on guard against the transmission of the virus."

Monday also saw the province announce 53 new cases of COVID-19 across the province, bringing the total of lab-confirmed cases over the past year to 33,975.

Southern Health-Santé Sud began the week with 38 active cases and 14 hospitalizations (two in ICU). There

have been 4,738 recoveries and 143 deaths in the region.

In the Pembina Valley, Winkler on Monday had four active cases, Morden had five, the Altona and Morris areas both had two, and Roland/Thompson and Carman each had one active case. Other Pembina Valley communities were reporting zero active cases at press time.

PUSHING PAUSE ON THE ASTRAZENECA VACCINE

The province Monday announced Manitobans age 64 years and up and First Nations people age 44 and over are now eligible for the vaccine.

Details about vaccine eligibility can be found online <https://protectmb.ca>. Appointments can be made there or by calling 1-844-MAN-VACC.

Vaccine task force medical lead Dr. Joss Reimer also announced they are halting use of the AstraZeneca vaccine in people under the age of 55 due to safety concerns.

"Despite the findings that there was

no increased risk of blood clots overall related to AstraZeneca in Europe, a rare but very serious side effect has been seen primarily in young women in Europe," she said. "Out of an abundance of caution, Manitoba will be recommending that these vaccines only be used in people who are 55 and older at this time [specifically people 55-64 with a high risk of negative COVID-19 outcomes]."

"This is a pause while we wait for more information to better understand what we are seeing in Europe," Reimer said. "This is an important and evidence-based change ... we have to respond to what we know when we know it in this vaccine campaign, which does sometimes mean adjusting our plans in real time."

The latest research shows the likelihood of these negative side effects with the AstraZeneca vaccine is between one in 100,000 to one in a million.

"To date we have not seen any of these cases in Manitoba, nor in Canada," Reimer noted.

Only minor changes to public health orders

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitoba's leaders have opted to stay the course when it comes to the

COVID-19 restrictions.

Health and government officials made only minor changes to the public health orders that expired last

week.

The new orders, which are in place until April 15, keep Manitoba at the

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No Winkler Citizen of the Year Award for 2021

By Ashleigh Viveiros

As the pandemic continues to plod on, the Winkler Community Foundation has made a difficult decision about the 2021 Citizen of the Year Award.

Executive director Myra Peters announced last week that they will not be naming a Citizen of the Year this fall. This marks the second year the award has been cancelled thanks to COVID-19.

Public health orders in 2020 made an awards banquet impossible, and it's still unclear whether or not large gatherings will be allowed by this fall.

The foundation board did consider

potential alternatives to a banquet, including perhaps a virtual event, but ultimately decided it was better to push pause for another year.

"Without community members 'gathering' to show their support, we believe the Citizen of the Year recognition does not have the impact we feel a recipient deserves," Peters said, noting that even planning a smaller outdoor event comes with challenges—such an event might have to be cancelled last-minute should restrictions continue through the summer.

It all comes down to ensuring the next Citizen of the Year is honoured properly, Peters said.

"These individuals have done amaz-

ing things for their community," she said. "They've made a difference and we just want how we're recognizing that to be meaningful."

The Winkler Community Foundation fully intends to bring the award back as soon as possible, hopefully in 2022.

Peters noted they will not be going back and retroactively declaring award recipients for 2020 and 2021.

"We felt it would be too difficult to do that," she said. "Sure, we could recognize three individuals in one year, but then you're also taking some of that recognition away from that year's winner."

"So we came to the decision that

we're not simply postponing it, we're cancelling it. Hopefully next year we will be able to do something in person once again."

While the Citizen of the Year Award is out for now, the foundation is planning on doing something for its annual Pay It Forward May campaign, though it will also look different from past years.

"We're going to try and put a focus on sharing kindness and how it's really impacted other people," Peters said, noting that while the pandemic may have changed how we interact with each other, it hasn't stopped people from doing good in their community.

Morden police board expands to seven members

By Lorne Stelmach

City council moved recently to expand the Morden police board.

The number of positions on the board is being increased from five to seven. It will include one director appointed by the province, three appointed by city council, and three members of the general public.

Councillor Nancy Penner is being added to the board as well as former Morris fire chief Colin Harbinson as a new public representative.

The larger board will provide more input on policing services, but this change was also largely done for the continuity of the board, explained Morden Mayor Brandon Burley.

"The rationale behind it was simply to do with the unpredictability of municipal elections and municipally appointed designates being changed over," he said. "We were faced with the situation right now where we have a long-standing chairperson resigning at the same time as other members of the public resigned ... they held a lot of the knowledge on the board."

"We have to be mindful of the transition. We felt by increasing the size to seven, we reduce the chances of a major turnover."

City council also voted recently to renew lease agree-

ments on two pieces of city-owned land.

They are one-year agreements involving 20 acres of land near the lagoon site as well as a 40 acre parcel on the northeast of Morden which has been eyed for development for sports and recreation use.

"They've been farmed for a number of years with rent paid to the city," said Burley, who hinted plans may finally be in the works for the 40 acre parcel. "There's a very good possibility we may not wish to extend that beyond one more

year."

Council is also extending some financial support to the Morden senior men's baseball team in its transition to its new name as the Morden Mudhens.

Council agreed to provide \$3,000, or about a third of the estimated cost connected to the rebranding, in keeping with what was provided to the Morden senior men's hockey team when they moved to become the Morden Bombers.

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critical/red level on the pandemic response system.

All previous restrictions remain, but the new orders do allow for gathering limits at outdoor public spaces (not private ones) to increase to 25 people from the previous 10.

Weddings and funerals are also now allowed 25 guests, up as well from 10.

Retail stores are still limited to 50 per cent capacity, but in-store limits are now expanded to 500 people, whichever is lower.

Finally, the province also relaxed rules for drive-in events, allowing people to leave their vehicles while still observing public health measures.

Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief provincial health officer, stressed the necessity of this cautious approach to reopening.

"We don't have nearly the amount of vaccination coverage that we need to change our public health measures, but we can be optimistic that more and more vaccine is on its way," he said. "We just need to be cautious for the near future."

"We'll be able to look at further reopening steps after spring break and Passover and Easter, as our data supports," Roussin said. "We all need to continue to work together to keep these numbers down. We all know what happened following Thanksgiving gatherings ear-

ly in our second wave and we have to continue to avoid that from happening again.

"The variants of concern just add to that level of risk right now. We know these variants spread much more readily."

Premier Brian Pallister said these new orders follow the priorities identified by Manitobans who filled out a public survey asking them to weigh in on a few proposed changes.

"At every step of the way throughout this pandemic we have endeavoured as a government to reach out directly to Manitobans to get their input, feedback, and priorities on a variety of measures designed to project Manitobans from this deadly virus," he said. "And when we ask Manitobans for their input we listen to it."

Nearly 32,000 people responded to the call for feedback, most expressing discomfort at the idea of going down to code orange restrictions too quickly.

"The announcement we made today is at least in part because of the input we got from Manitobans," Pallister said. "I understand we're not going to make everyone happy ... but at the end of the day what we come up with as the plan is our plan. And so I encourage Manitobans to stick with the plans that we've outlined, follow the health orders, because that's how we make it work."

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The programs intent is to control Noxious Weeds, Turf Diseases, and mosquitoes on the property.

The control products to be used include; Pyroclostrobin, propiconazole, chlorothalonil, fludioxinil, boscalid, glyphosate, mecoprop-P, 2, 4-D, dicamba, mineral oil, propoxur, trifloxystrobin, bacillus thuringiensis.

Anyone having concerns about the use of these products may send written submissions within 15 days of publication of the notice to the department below.

**Environmental Approvals Branch
Manitoba Sustainable Development
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF THOMPSON

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the 23rd day of April, 2021, at the hour of 10:00 AM, at Rural Municipality of Thompson, 530 Norton Avenue, Miami MB, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for Which Property May be Offered for Sale
17200	LOTS 4 AND 5 BLOCK 2 SS PLAN 2141 MLTO IN SW 1/4 8-5-5 WPM - 45 FIRST STREET, ROSEBANK	L - \$1,600	\$9,510.56
17600	LOT 21 BLOCK 2 SS PLAN 2141 MLTO IN SW 1/4 8-5-5 WPM EXCEPTING - ALL MINES AND MINERALS VESTED IN THE CROWN (MANITOBA) BY THE REAL PROPERTY ACT, LOT 22 BLOCK 2 SS PLAN 2141 MLTO IN SW 1/4 8-5-5 WPM - 60 SECOND STREET, ROSEBANK	L - \$1,600 B - \$89,900	\$8,012.94
56650	LOT 16 BLOCK 3 SS PLAN 1887 MLTO EXC ALL MINES AND MINERALS VESTED IN THE CROWN (MANITOBA) BY THE REAL PROPERTY ACT IN SW 1/4 8-5-6 WPM - 46 LETAIN STREET, MIAMI	L - \$8,600 B - \$231,200	\$13,090.79
56750	LOT 19 BLOCK 3 PLAN 1887 MLTO IN S 1/2 8-5-6 WPM - 54 LETAIN STREET, MIAMI	L - \$10,200 B - \$7,100	\$4,297.54
57700	LOT 14 BLOCK 4 PLAN 1887 MLTO IN S 1/2 8-5-6 WPM - 54 BLIGHT STREET, MIAMI	L - \$10,200 B - \$116,500	\$11,436.70

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions with respect to each property:

- The purchaser of the property will be responsible for any property taxes not yet due.
 - The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
 - If the purchaser intends to bid by proxy, a letter of authorization form must be presented prior to the start of the auction.
 - The Municipality makes no representations or warranties whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
 - The successful purchaser must, at the time of the sale, make payment in cash, certified cheque or bank draft to the Rural Municipality of Thompson as follows:
 - i) The full purchase price if it is \$10,000 or less; OR
 - ii) If the purchase price is greater than \$10,000, the purchaser must provide a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$10,000 and the balance of the purchase price must be paid within 20 days of the sale; AND
 - iii) A fee in the amount \$309.75 (\$295 plus GST) for preparation of the transfer of title documents. The purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer of title documents in the land titles office, including the registration costs.
 - The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
 - The purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
 - If the property is non-residential property, the purchaser must pay GST to the Municipality or, if a GST registrant, provide a GST Declaration.
- Dated this 25th day of March, 2021.

Managed by:



Dallas Braun
Chief Administrative Officer
Rural Municipality of Thompson
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WINKLER POLICE BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE

The Winkler Police Board quarterly meetings will be held on
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CITY OF WINKLER - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

The Council of the City of Winkler, under the authority of The Planning Act, will hold a Public Hearing, at the Winkler Council Chamber, 185 Main Street, Winkler, Manitoba, on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 6:45 PM, at which time and place the Council will receive representations and objections from any persons who wish to make them in respect of By-Law No. 2266-21, of the City of Winkler.

The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2266-21, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

All of Plan No. (Deposit No. 636/2020) MLTO in the SW 1/4 8-3-4 WPM as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

FROM: "CR" COMMUNITY RESERVE ZONE
TO: "RS" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ZONE, "RT" RESIDENTIAL TWO-FAMILY ZONE, AND "OR" OPEN SPACE / RECREATION ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2266-21, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Thursday and 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Friday, in the City Office.

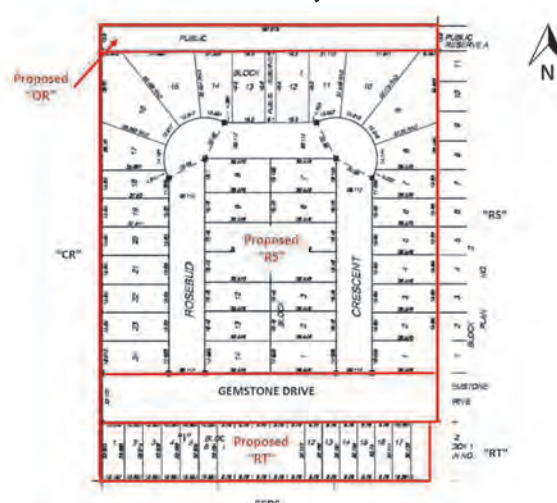
SPECIAL COVID-19 PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT:

Members of the public must confirm if they plan to attend the public hearing within 2 days of the hearing date by contacting planning@cityofwinkler.ca or calling the city office at (204) 325-9524 ext. 3. This pre-registration process will ensure that staff have time to ensure physical distancing is achieved.

DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 4th day of March, 2021.

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SCHEDULE "A" To By-Law 2266-21



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The Winkler Centennial Golf Club intends to conduct its Pesticide Control Program from May 15/2021 to Nov. 6/2021.

The program is to control Turf Diseases, Mosquitoes, and Noxious Weeds within the property.

The control products to be used include; Mecoprop, 2, 4-D, dicamba, chlorothalonil, fludioxinil, propiconazole, pyraclostrobin, mineral oil, trifloxystrobin, malathion, glyphosate, bacillus thuringiensis, trinexapac-ethyl.

The public may send written submissions or objections within 15 days of publication of the notice to the department below.

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The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2263-21, is to close a portion of the public lane located between 7th and 8th Street in the City of Winkler described below, Namely:

Parcel A of Plan No. (Dep. 0032/2021) MLTO in the SE 1/4 4-3-4 WPM

as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as Schedule "A", A copy of the above By-Law No. 2263-21, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Thursday and 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Friday, in the City Office.

SPECIAL COVID-19 PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT:

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DATED at Winkler, in Manitoba, this 4th day of March, 2021.

Designated Officer

City of Winkler

SCHEDULE "A" To By-Law 2263-21



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The general intent of the above By-Law No. 2264-21, is to zone the land described below, Namely:

**366, 352, 344 and a portion of 310 7th Street, legally described as
Lots 27, 28 & 29, SP Plan 32713 MLTO, Parcel A, Plan 36563 MLTO
& Deposit 0032/21 MLTO in the SE 1/4 4-3-4 WPM**

as shown outlined in a heavy solid line on the map attached hereto as
Schedule "A", and forming part of this by-law, be rezoned

FROM: "RS" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ZONE

TO: "RM" RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY ZONE

A copy of the above By-Law No. 2264-21, and supporting material may be inspected by any persons between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday to Thursday and 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Friday, in the City Office.

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SCHEDULE "A" To By-Law 2264-21



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OBITUARY



Helena Reimer 1945 – 2021

Helena Reimer of Morden, MB passed away with family by her side at the age of 75 on Thursday March 18, 2021 at the Tabor Home.

Helena, a contented sunbeam, was a happy and very caring person. She had a stroke at the age of 17 and was in a wheelchair and used a tripod cane to walk. A couple of years after her mom died, she lived with family and caring strangers. Eventually, she got a place at the Tabor Apartments. With the help of homecare, she was able to live on her own which made her very happy. When she was unable to walk any more, she was moved into the Tabor Home. When she heard of someone in Tabor who was sick and dying, she would go and pray with them and their families. She

was not afraid to share the Gospel. She was a firm believer of faith and prayer. She received many thank yous from families that she had prayed with for helping them through their hard times and loss.

She is survived by three brothers and three sisters and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Jacob and Susanna Reimer, two brothers, David and Peter Reimer as well as three siblings in infancy (two brothers and as sister) and three brothers-in-law.

Funeral service was held at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden with interment at the Chortitz Old Colony Mennonite Church Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the Tabor Home staff for the kindness and care that they provided over the years. Thank you to her many friends for visiting with her and a special thanks to Pastor Jay Wiebe for the many times he went to visit and pray with and for her.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Helena's memory to the Tabor Home or to the charity on one's choice.

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OBITUARY



Albert Peter Wiebe 1945 - 2021

As the sun rose on a beautiful spring morning, Albert went to Heaven to cradle his baby daughter, Jaime. His Love, "His Jo" was holding his hand as he had hoped.

Albert wore many hats, his favorite being his cowboy hat. He worked very hard and lived to farm. Albert was tough as nails, and a little complicated, but there was never any doubt about what he was thinking.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jessie; two daughters, two sons and a beautiful constellation of grand and great-grandchildren who he adored. He loved children.

A private family service was held at Wiebe Funeral Chapel, Morden. Please consider yourselves honorary pallbearers to send

him to glory.

Flowers are gratefully declined. Donations may be made in Albert's memory to Boundary Trails Health Centre Foundation designated to the Palliative Care Unit or to Katie Cares (Katie's Cottage Respite Home).

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