



Ashern Day Care sends a huge "Thank You" to Camper Community Hall, and its members Darlene Monk and Joyce Stewart, for the very generous donation of \$10,000.

Our playground landscaping and learning environment development dreams will now come true! The day care has fundraised the past several years to fund our project and this donation helped us reach our goal. Construction of a climbing hill with built-in tunnel, fall zones for safety, sunshades, sheds, fencing, sandboxes, play house structures and accessibility ramps will begin Spring of 2022.

Thank you, Maria

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

THE RM OF WEST INTERLAKE NEWSLETTER

ERIKSDALE MUSIC SHOP
58 Vimy Ave

Instrument Repair
Accessories
Music Lessons

Art & Music Benders
Picture Framing
Pottery Studio

Call for appointment
Derrick 431.334-7558
Dawn 204.430-4664

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NOTICE

Interested in being part of MUSIC FESTIVAL?
Planning session January 25, 2022, 7 P.M
Call Derrick 431-334-7558

UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebrate Valentine's Day

Eriksdale Music Shop
Neil Thornham with Special Guest
Monday, February 14, 7-9:30 p.m
Tickets: \$12 Call 431-334-7558/204-430-4664

"Open Mics"

4th Wednesdays of the Month 7 - 9:30 p.m
February 23rd & March 23rd
Eriksdale Music Shop 431-334-7558



CITIZENS ON PATROL PROGRAM
PROGRAMME CITOYENS EN PATROUILLE

Eriksdale Area is in the process of putting together a COPP Group. We will be a presence in town as well as rurally at various times of day or night.

Email either info.mbcopp@gmail.com or WestEyesCOPP@outlook.com for more information about starting a group in your part of the West Interlake.

Eriksdale Community Resources



SERVICE AVAILABLE

- Transportation to medical appointments, shopping or wherever your day takes you.
- Income Tax Preparation
- Assistance in filling out forms
- Errands
- Home Maintenance, cleaning or laundry
- Home checks when you are out of town
- Yard Maintenance

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

- Walkers, crutches and canes
- Raised toilet seats
- Wheelchairs
- Support bars

If you are new to the area, let us say that we are so happy to have you! You have joined a small community with a big heart.

Eriksdale Community Resources is a not-for-profit group dedicated to providing the services, assistance and tools you need to make life in your new hometown more convenient, comfortable and carefree.

Our office is open:
Monday to Friday
9:00am – 1:00 pm

Hope to see you soon!
Charlotte and Christina

In addition, we are pleased to offer an innovative technology to add a little peace of mind to your function or event. For a small refundable deposit, you can borrow our Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

VOLUNTEER!! DONATE!!
This program would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteers. And what a great way to get to know the community. If this interests you, feel free to call us or pop in, we would be delighted to get you started.

Box 382, Unit B – 10 Main Street, Eriksdale, Manitoba R0C 0W0 Tel 204-739-2697
Email: commresources@rmofwestinterlake.com

Snow Clearing Services

The RM of West Interlake PW Department is available for clearing snow on private driveways. We require a Driveway Request Form and Liability Waiver to be signed before work can be done.

Driveway clearing is \$40.00 each time (15 minutes of work). Forms can be picked up from a municipal office or found on our website under “Local Government” > “Municipal Services” > “Request For Service”.

Contact a municipal office at 204-739-2666 (Eriksdale) or 204-768-2641 (Ashern) if you have questions.

NOTE: Private driveway snow clearing will take place when the operator is in your area. This will also be impacted by severe weather conditions.

W2 & W3 Rural Waste Management Services

The Waste Management Survey results are in! To view, please go to www.rmofwestinterlake.com >”Living Here” > “Community Surveys” and click on the link.

S.A.F.E. FAMILY SMOKE ALARM FOR EVERY FAMILY INSTALLATION PROGRAM




Hi! My name is Davina Mason and I am the Fire & Life Safety Educator for both the Eriksdale and Ashern Fire Departments.

We recently participated in the S.A.F.E Program and I am happy to say that we installed 36 smoke detectors in various homes throughout the municipality. Many people did not know that their smoke detectors were expired. We were able to install 2 of the 10-year Lithium Battery Smoke Detectors that detect smoke and carbon monoxide.

If you thought you missed the opportunity to have your smoke detectors inspected and/or replaced, there is still time. We have a few left and would gladly come to assess your needs.

Contact me, Davina Mason at 204-739-2666 and I will arrange a time to come to your home and see if we can install a couple of smoke detectors for you.



Preschool Program

starting at Eaglets Daycare

Co-op Inc. in February 2022!!!

(children starting Kindergarten in September 2022)

Program will run from February-June

Eaglets Daycare will provide early exposure to a variety of skills that they will use in the early years of school and those of which that will supplement the learning that already takes place at home. We do not take sole responsibility to fully prepare your child for Kindergarten.

For more information call Natalie at

204-739-5566

eagletsdaycare@hotmail.com

Lakeshore Hospital Guild Report

By Shelley Bjornson, Chairperson

The last two years have been a challenge for everyone especially in the Health Care Field. Lakeshore Hospital Guild has been helping behind the scenes to provide needed items at Lakeshore Health Centre in Ashern to enhance the care and comfort of patients.

Fundraising efforts have been restricted due to the pandemic but we were able to try a few innovative ideas- an online raffle, silent auction at the Ashern Halloween Witches Dance, Refurbished Armoire raffle. Catering funeral lunches and memorial donations make up most of our revenue.

Guild goals are to keep our membership strong and recruitment this year sees our membership at 40 active members and 5 honorary members. New initiatives this year include creating more public awareness making a Facebook and webpage including a donor page (under construction.)

Guild purchases over the last two years include:

With a \$25,000 donation from Camper Hall a LUCAS Chest compression machine \$16,000 has been ordered for the ER Department as well, a stretcher \$12,000 for the Lakeshore Handivan to assist in transport of clients to medical appointments.

With a \$5000 Anonymous donation 2 reclining chairs for patient rooms were requested for comfort of patient and family members. The plan going forward is to have recliners in more rooms.

Acute- Fluid Warmer, baby scale, donation towards infant crib, room darkening blinds, TV, OT steps, isolation cart, 6 air bed mattresses, flowers for flower beds in front of hospital, WIFI access for patient/family use

Dialysis – chart cart, three TV's, digital scale for wheelchair clients, head sets

PCH – curtains for long term care rooms, oxygen concentrators, lap top, flower planter boxes

Palliative Care Room – Krug single and double sleeper chairs

Medical Clinic – BP machine for Doctor's office, white board for waiting room

Lab – phlebotomy cart

Total expenditures \$89,750 (January 2019-December 2021)

As we head into a new year and new challenges in the health care field, Lakeshore Hospital Guild is committed to further their efforts in fundraising and support of the Ashern Hospital, Medical Clinic, Lab and Dialysis Unit and Ashern Personal Care Home for our community. Thanks to all our volunteers and generous donors, together we can make this happen!

For further information contact Shelley Bjornson, President 204-768-0454.

COVID PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS

There have been no changes since Tuesday, December 28, 2021. For full list of restrictions that are in place now, either go to the RM's Website at www.rmofwestinterlake.com or stop in at either office and we can print you off a copy.

STAY SAFE OUT THERE.

PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

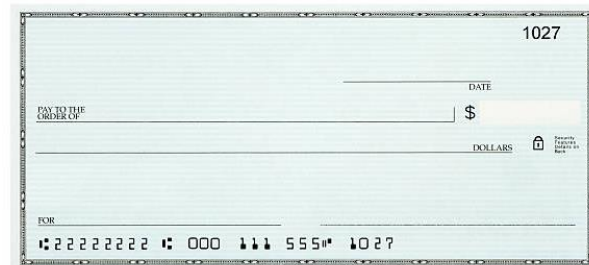
Online - thru a Credit Union: search the payee list for “West Interlake RM”, then select either “Utility” or “Taxes” whichever you are making a payment for. Your Roll Number or Utility Account Number will be the account number. This requires 6 digits; for example, if your roll number is 0000100.000 you will enter 000100; if your roll number is 0567123.000 you will enter 567123. Same rule would apply for your utility account.

To avoid that bill in October – you can make regular payments (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly) and this can be set up on the Online payment option with the Credit Union as a “Scheduled Payment”, then select the amount of the payment. Use your Roll Number as the account number. When the payment is received you will be mailed a receipt. We also accept post-dated cheques.

E Transfer - email the payment to admineriksdale@rmofwestinterlake.com In the Message Section, include your Roll Number and/or Utility Account Number, your phone number and email address. In the event that no information is provided, your payment may not be allocated to the correct account. The RM is set up for auto deposit.

In person - we accept cash, cheque, debit/interac at both municipal offices.

After hours - there is a drop box located by the main door at each municipal office.



2021 Year in Review

This year has once again been an interesting adventure. The RM of West Interlake continues to strive to provide excellent service to ratepayers of West Interlake. Here are some highlights from this year.

- Eriksdale Library Upgrades (budgeted \$20,000, actual \$18,992.89) the upgrades included, shingle replacement, Siding replacement, soffit replacement, accessible washroom upgrades.
- Narrows Streetlights (budgeted \$10,000, actual \$4,164.00) Lake Manitoba Narrows had 7 street lights installed along Miss Ellie’s Drive West for additional safety in the community.
- The Municipality created a Recreation Coordinator position to provide recreation opportunities in our municipality and Sam Bayer was hired to fill the position. Sam held the first-ever RM of West Interlake week-long day camps for youth and had an excellent turnout that youth of all ages enjoyed from July to August.
- The Local Urban District of Ashern Committee purchased a Tractor Blade (budgeted \$10,000, actual \$10,008.00) to provide better snow clearing services to the community of Ashern. Unfortunately, due to supply chain issues, the blade will not arrive until March 2022, however, the LUD is looking forward to being able to provide better service to residents in the future.
- Eriksdale had a school crosswalk installed at Hwy 68 and School Rd (budgeted \$11,500, actual \$11,737.98, Funds were also received from Lakeshore School Division to share the expense) to ensure youth are able to get across the busy intersection safely.
- The RM of West Interlake and RM of Coldwell have been approved by the Province of Manitoba for the Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program. This program will look into collaboration on a regional initiative, reviewing potential technologies, analyzing efficiencies and costs involved in collecting, handling, processing, and transporting waste and recycling items on a larger scale to show where cost-saving measures can be taken to reduce overall costs to a larger number of taxpayers. The estimated total project cost is \$138,500.00 to be funded 100% by the province.
- Eriksdale Fire Department purchased a new trailer to transport the side by side and equipment to assist the department during grass fires (budgeted \$15,000, actual \$5,525.16). The department also assisted with the recommendation to construct a sidewalk North of the Wellness Center to help connect the EM Crowe Hospital to the landing area for STARS, to provide those who need the service a smooth ride. The IERHA funded this project 100% through the Eriksdale Equity fund.
- Two 2022 Chevy Silverado 2500 Trucks were purchased in August. Due to supply chain issues, the trucks have been delayed to March 2022. These trucks will replace the current aging fleet of the municipality.
- The LUD of Ashern has begun construction on the Pavilion at Railway Park. D. Monkman Enterprises has been awarded the contract for the pavilion and the project will be finished in 2022. The LUD has also been working with Little Bluestem Landscape Architecture to create a conceptual plan for Railway Park and an Ashern Walking Trails Plan. Both plans are near completion and will be made available when ready.
- A huge highlight to 2022 was the commencement of the New Ashern Fire Hall construction project. Knutson Building Ltd. was awarded the contract in August 2021 and began work in October 2021. The project is planned to be finished in August 2022 however we anticipate it to be completed much sooner.