

Inspiring Wellness

Lakeshore Regional Wellness Commission

This past year has been quite the challenge for all of us to overcome, in so many ways. As individuals and as a society our normal way of life has been completely transformed and has challenged us to adapt and overcome the changes. The Lakeshore Regional Wellness Commission has done just that and is making some great progress in our mission.

A lot of you may still not be aware of who we are, and what we are doing. We are the Lakeshore Regional Wellness Commission, and we are comprised of volunteers who share the common goal of repurposing the existing Curling Club in Ashern into a state-of-the-art wellness and recreational facility. We have been working actively on this goal since June 2017, and have made much progress since then. We strongly believe, now more than ever, that it is imperative to have healthy communities. This project will provide the resources needed to promote and sustain our well-being, and we could not be more excited to bring this idea to life.

Many of our planned fundraisers have been pushed back due to the provincial health orders, but we have come up with creative ideas to continue our fundraising efforts despite these challenges. In the past few months, we have held the “Goodbye 2020!” perfume draw, as well as the “March 2021 Cash Calendar” Cash draws. Both fundraisers were very successful and we thank everyone who sold, and purchased tickets – it goes a long way, and we are grateful for all of the support. We will continue to roll out fundraisers down the road, so please stay tuned to our Facebook Page for those announcements.

Aside from fundraising, we have continued to work on all aspects of this project. We still hold regular group meetings, and although they are held virtually, we are still able to have productive discussions and progress through the different stages of planning. We have multiple sub-committees within our regular group which allows us to focus our efforts on specific tasks. These sub-committees are made up of skilled and knowledgeable members, and are typically smaller in size to allow the discussions and tasks to be done more efficient.

We are anticipating that 2021 will be a huge year for the LRWC. We have some major plans and goals for the year and we are ecstatic to reveal these down the road! For regular updates, please check us out on Facebook and “Like and Follow” to stay up to date on all of our announcements!

To inspire our community by connecting people to accessible opportunities for a healthier lifestyle.



Municipal Matters Newsletter

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep ratepayers informed of the happenings within the Municipality.

The newsletter will be open for community groups, ratepayers, and businesses to post writeups and advertise upcoming events. For more information or to submit an ad or article, please contact CAO Courtney Roehl at cao@rmofwestinterlake.com or call 204-768-2641.

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Eriksdale & Ashern Fire Departments

The **S.A.F.E. Family program** (Smoke Alarms For Every Family) is a province-wide initiative sponsored by Office of the Fire Commissioner, Red River Mutual, Firefighters Burn Fund and the Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs. The overall goal of Manitoba's **S.A.F.E. Family program** is to save lives by protecting every home with working smoke alarms and a practiced fire escape plan.

The RM of West Interlake campaign is part of an effort to reach out to local residents, including older adults, young people and residents of neighbourhoods, who are vulnerable to fire deaths.

Installing working smoke alarms in the homes of any West Interlake residents who don't have them will increase their odds of surviving a home fire.

You must be the homeowner to qualify for the program. If you are not sure about your own home or know someone that may benefit from this program - call to book one of our Fire Personnel to come out and check. We will install up to 2 Dual Smoke Detectors (smoke/carbon monoxide) in each home.

Our goal is to make sure residents have

the protection of a smoke alarm. Because smoke alarms alone won't prevent every fire death - our project includes educating residents to have a home fire escape plan so they know what to do if the smoke alarm sounds.

For more information or to book your appointment contact:

Davina Mason by phone 204-739-2666 or email cfo@rmofwestinterlake.com



ERIKSDALE COMMUNITY CLUB

Mother's Day

SUPPER

SATURDAY, MAY 8th

This will be a Takeout Meal
Must Pre order by May 1st

BBQ Steak & Shrimp Baked Potatoe & Coleslaw \$30.00	OR	Chicken Fingers & Homemade Mac n Cheese & Coleslaw \$10.00
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Please contact Dale 204-214-0145 or
Vienna 204-739-8276 to place your order
Or thru the Eriksdale Rec Centre
Facebook Page

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Fieldstone Ventures

Education & Training Centre Inc.

Have you checked out our new website?
[Fieldstone Ventures.ca](http://FieldstoneVentures.ca)

Employers did you know that we will put your job listings on our website? We will also assist you in finding employees and provide avenue for staff training. Give us a call or email us @ 204-768-3797 or fsv@lakeshoresd.mb.ca

Thank you

From Interlake Trailblazers 4H Club:

- Thank you to the RM of West Interlake for the grant.
- Those that purchased from our fundraiser at Christmas time.
- To The Lazy Lopers for your donation as well.

Ashern Day Care Co-op Inc. Celebrates 40 years!

Written By: Maria Warrener, Director

Ashern Day Care Co-op Inc celebrates 40 years of licensed child care in Ashern and its surrounding communities. On April 9, 1981 Ashern Preschool Group Day Care Centre Inc incorporated as a not-for-profit organization. The Board of Directors opened a licensed facility on June 3 1981 for children ages 2 years to 5 years old. The first facility was located in Ashern Primary School and eventually grew to occupy 2 classrooms.

In 1994 the centre moved into a temporary location at TBJ Mall. Demand for child care continued to grow and resulted in the day care revising its license to include children aged 18 months. The growing and changing needs of our communities sparked an interest in building a new larger facility. Community surveys, the formation of a building committee, becoming a registered charity and the dream of a new stand-alone facility began.



Ground breaking ceremony, August 15, 2007.

After 7 long years of fundraising, grant proposals, building committee meetings and the never-ending support of our communities, construction began in September 2007. On March 18, 2008 operations began in our brand new, 3500 sq ft building.

Our licensed capacity was once again expanded to meet the growing needs of our area. Today Ashern Day Care is able to offer care to 8 infants aged 12 weeks old to 2 years old, 24 preschool children aged 2 years to 6 years old and 10 school age children aged 6 years to 12 years old before and after school, on school in-service days and school holidays.

We are very proud of our little centre, our inclusive and diverse program, our staff of which 80% are trained Early Childhood Educators II or III with a combined 78 years of experience, our volunteer Board of Directors, our supportive families and last but not least the children.

Although our doors are closed to the public due to Covid, our program is fully operational with many new policies, public health guidelines and restrictions. Please feel free to contact the day care if you are looking for child care at 204-768-2835 or by email at asherndaycare@hotmail.com.

**Lakeshore Handivan**

The Lakeshore Handivan provides service to the RM of West Interlake and the RM of Grahamdale. We have three Handivans available, two of which are in Ashern. Our small van is a 5 passenger 2004 Chevrolet Venture and is available for in-town transportation. Last October we purchased an 8 passenger 2020 Dodge Ram Promaster available for in or out of town transportation. This van has capacity for stretcher service in the future and we are currently in the process of having a protective shield purchased and installed. Our large van is a 10 passenger, 2014 GMC. It is located in Eriksdale and is available for in town service or out of town trips and is open for private group rental at a discounted rate. This option is currently not available due to pandemic precautions.

Lakeshore Handivan continues to service the community for medical transportation and are always in need of drivers. The handivans located in Ashern require the driver to possess a valid class 5 driver's license and a class 4 license is necessary to drive the large van in Eriksdale. We require a criminal record check, an elder abuse check, and a clean driver's abstract. If you are interested in driving for Lakeshore Handivan, please stop in at the LIFE office in Ashern or phone 204-768-2187. If you are interested in booking any one of our handivans, please phone 204-768-2187 or 204-768-2237.

Notice for Public Hearing**R.M. of West Interlake 2021 Financial Plan**

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 162(2) of *The Municipal Act* that the Council of the R.M. of West Interlake intends to present its Financial Plan for the fiscal year of 2021 at a Public Hearing in the Eriksdale Recreation Centre, #2 First Avenue, Eriksdale, MB on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to make representation, ask questions or register an objection to the Financial Plan as provided.

Copies of the Financial Plan will be available for review on the 16th of April 2021, and may be examined by any person during regular office hours at the Municipal Offices.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, please register with the Ashern (204-768-2641) or Eriksdale (204-739-2666) Municipal Office prior to the Public Hearing.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2021

Courtney Roehl, CMMA
Chief Administrative Officer
RM of West Interlake

**BURNING
PERMITS ARE
REQUIRED
ALL YEAR**



Contact a Municipal Office for a permit

**IF YOU SEE AN
UNCONTAINED FIRE
CALL 9-1-1**



Parkland Regional Library

Written by: Jude McCudden, Librarian

It's nearly that time again to sit by a lake in the warm sunshine! And reading is one of those activities that you can do in isolation and still enjoy. Be transported into another time and place! The local libraries of Siglunes in Ashern and Eriksdale are available to all West Interlake residents under Parkland Regional Library. Visit the website www.parkland.mb.ca, the Eriksdale and/or Siglunes Library Facebook page to find out about how you can access online services and learn about events at the branches. Services that may interest you are:

- Books, magazines and DVDs at the local library
- E-book or e-audio format through the LIBBY app.
- Streaming movie service KANOPY
- Access to over 7000 electronic magazines or newspapers with the PRESSREADER app. Publications are available from more than 120 countries in 60 languages!
- Unlimited access to thousands of creative video classes through Creativebug. Patterns and material lists are available to download!
- On-line databases for those doing research or study.
- Kids TD Summer Reading Club can be available over the summer holidays with registration.

Contact your closest library for further information:
 Siglunes (Ashern)- 204 768 2048 siglun15@mymts.net
 Eriksdale - 204 739 2668 epl1@mymts.net



Eriksdale Library

Written by: Linda Lee, Librarian

The Eriksdale Library has more western books available to our patrons. We have just had a rotation from Dauphin so we have a great new selection of DVDs (over 100), paperback books including Mystery, Romance, Fantasy, Sci-Fic, and Western. Some book titles are "Fatal Reunion" by Jessica R. Patch, "Dark Tides" by Philippa Gregory and "The Good Daughter" by Karin Slaughter just to name a few. Patrons are welcome to come in to the library or we still offer curbside pick-up for anyone who is more comfortable with that.

We are currently working on a grant application to give the Eriksdale Library a new facelift including new siding and shingles.

Eriksdale Library has an on-going book sale in the kitchen area with over 200 gently used books to choose from (25 cents per paperback and \$1.00 each for hardcover.)

Hours

Eriksdale Library

Sunday - CLOSED
 Monday - CLOSED
 Tuesday - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday - CLOSED
 Thursday - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Friday - CLOSED
 Saturday - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location:

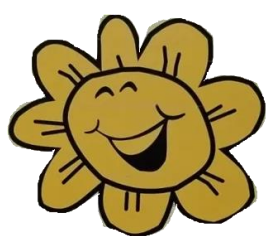
#9 Main Street, Eriksdale, MB

Siglunes (Ashern) Library

Sunday - CLOSED
 Monday - 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Wednesday - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Thursday - CLOSED
 Friday - 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday - CLOSED

Location:

#5 - 61 Main Street, Ashern, MB
 (TBJ Mall)



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What's happening in the LUD of Ashern

Written by: Trevor Emilson, Committee Chair LUD of Ashern

“The Ashern L.U.D. committee's mission is to enhance the quality of life in our community through ensuring that municipal services are delivered at a level and in a manner that meets the expectations of its citizens.

It is our continued objective to improve the condition of infrastructure and image of our community, while maintaining a balance of ideal vision and tax burden to the ratepayers of Ashern.”

An old Chinese curse goes “may you live in interesting times.” 2020 certainly lived up to that prophecy as we endured one of the strangest years on record, socially and economically.

It's hard to believe we are already into the second half of our term as your LUD committee members. These past few months brought a few of changes to our

committee, as Dylan Geisler moved away from the area and was replaced by Karen Carmichael. As well, Randy Helgason has come on board as our RM council representative, replacing Clayton Gibson who has returned to the role of EDO for the Municipality. We are pleased to welcome Karen and Randy onto our committee.

2021 should be an exciting year for us as we begin to see the first stages in the development of Railway Park. A design for a new pavilion has been finalized and as soon as the land is rezoned from commercial to recreational, we will be able to put a shovel in the ground. We have contracted the services of Little Bluestem Landscape Architecture and Design to help us formulate a long-term plan for the park. They will assist us in both the design and identifying the

wants the needs of the community. An extensive walking trail system will be incorporated into the park as well.

Electrical service upgrades have been completed at Sharptail Park to accommodate larger RVs. More improvements are in the works for the park as we see the demand increase for camping spots.

Our Security System Subsidy Program proved to be a huge success as both commercial and residential portions were fully realized. Surveillance cameras were installed on Main Street in an effort to curtail crime. Main Street is the face of our town, and as a result we implemented a Main Street Beautification grant.

We are excited to implement more programs in 2021 and beyond. Keep an eye out for more information.

West Interlake Watershed District

The West Interlake Watershed District (WIWD) a non-profit organization that strives to improve the health of the land and water within our watershed. We were established in 2008 and our current boundaries extend to the west side of the Interlake region from up to Gypsumville to the northern portion of Woodlands. We have a variety of funding opportunities for landowners within our boundaries. The majority of our programs are for agricultural producers that are willing to make a sustainable change. One of these programs is GROWing Outcomes in Watersheds (GROW), which offers producers a chance to either conserve, restore, or enhance three different land types: wetlands, riparian areas, and upland areas. This may sound like a daunting task to some producers, but it can actually be quite simple and beneficial. For example, seeding cover crops or perennial forages, cross fencing, and off-site water systems are under Upland Area Restoration in the Grow program. This means that if a landowner chooses to implement those practices on their land, they can be eligible for funding from WIWD. These are just some of the many activities that are offered through GROW.

We also offer funding for all types of landowners within our boundaries. One of these programs is our Community Tree Nursery Program where a portion of the cost of seedlings will be covered by the WIWD. A list of all the programs can be found on our website.

We encourage those that are interested in making a change and receiving some funding to contact us. For more information visit our website at wiwd.ca or contact us at (204) 762-5850.



WEST INTERLAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

WATER TESTING

The WIWD will be covering the cost of **1 Coliform & E.coli Water Sample (100 ml bottle)** valued at \$22.31, and/or 75% of cost for **1 Advanced Drinking Water Quality Sample** (Calcium, Magnesium, Sodium, Potassium, Manganese, Zinc, Iron, Nitrogen-Nitrates, Nitrogen-Nitrites, Chloride, Sulfate, pH, Hardness, Conductivity, Arsenic, Boron, Barium, Fluoride, and Uranium) **(500 ml bottle)** valued at \$120.00, per property for any residents within the WIWD boundaries.

*****A request form must be submitted to the WIWD office one week prior to the test day. Request forms are available at our office as well as on our website wiwd.ca*****

Sample bottles and chain of custody forms are available at the WIWD office or at your local RM office. It is the **property owners responsibility to take a water sample the DAY of delivery and deliver it to one of the drop-off locations listed below by the time indicated.**

Monday May 10th, 2021

- Grahamdale R.M. Office @ 1:00 p.m.
- Inwood R.M. Office @ 1:00 p.m.
- Ashern R.M. Office @ 1:15 p.m.
- Eriksdale R.M. Office @ 1:50 p.m.
- Lundar R.M. Office @ 2:10 p.m.
- WIWD Office @ 2:15 p.m.
- St. Laurent R.M. Office @ 2:45 p.m.
- Woodlands R.M. Office @ 3:10 p.m.

Tuesday May 25th, 2021

- Grahamdale R.M. Office @ 1:00 p.m.
- Inwood R.M. Office @ 1:00 p.m.
- Ashern R.M. Office @ 1:15 p.m.
- Eriksdale R.M. Office @ 1:50 p.m.
- Lundar R.M. Office @ 2:10 p.m.
- WIWD Office @ 2:15 p.m.
- St. Laurent R.M. Office @ 2:45 p.m.
- Woodlands R.M. Office @ 3:10 p.m.

- Property owner is responsible for the remaining 25% of cost (\$30.00) for the Advanced Drinking Water Quality Test. Please make cheques payable to the West Interlake Watershed District and leave with water sample at time of delivery or payment can be made by e-transfer prior to sample delivery.
- The cost of a sample is only covered if you have not previously taken a water sample since March 31st, 2021.
- Sample results will be emailed to each individual, as well as to the WIWD so we can monitor and collect data.

*Program is subject to available funding, samples will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

West Interlake Watershed District	T. 204.762.5850
Box 732, 9 Main Street	F. 204.762.5862
Lundar, Manitoba R0C 1Y0	E. admin.wiwd@mts.net

Lakeshore Women's Resource Centre Inc.



SUMMER EMPLOYMENT ages 15-30

THRIFT SHOP "New to You"

SUMMER DAY CAMP ages 8-12

The Resource Centre, located in Ashern @ #9 Main Street, will be offering two summer employment positions.

GROUP FACILITATOR: Through Canada Summer Jobs program, applicants **do not have to be a student**, but must be between ages 15-30. The position is pending, subject to funding approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Through Manitoba Metis Federation for **students ages 15 to 30 - open to Metis, Non-Status or Inuit** who attended school full-time during the preceding year and who intend to return to school on full-time basis in the following academic year (part-time and distance education students not included). The position is pending, subject to funding approval.

For more information or to submit resume: email janicelwrc@gmail.com or phone Janice @ 204-768-3016.

Upcoming for July & August: The Resource Centre will be co-ordinating a weekly **Afternoon Day Camp for ages 8-12** with activities, crafts and fun. Pre-registration required; phone 204-768-3016.

If you're spring cleaning, consider donating to our Thrift Shop "New To You". Located at #9 Main Street Ashern, we accept clothing, toys, household items, appliances, tools and furniture.

"Community helping Community"

IERHA Hospital Schedule

APRIL		Ashern	Eriksdale
Day of the month		Shifts start at	Shifts start at
Thurs	1	Doctor available	No doctor
Fri	2	Doctor available	No doctor
Sat.	3	Doctor available	No doctor
Sun.	4	Doctor available	No doctor
Mon.	5	Doctor available	No doctor
Tues.	6	Doctor available	Doctor available
Wed	7	Doctor available	No doctor
Thurs	8	Doctor available	No doctor
Fri	9	Doctor available	Doctor available
Sat.	10	Doctor available	Doctor available
Sun.	11	Doctor available	Doctor available
Mon.	12	Doctor available	No doctor
Tues.	13	Doctor available	No doctor
Wed	14	Doctor available	No doctor
Thurs	15	Doctor available	No doctor
Fri	16	Doctor available	No doctor
Sat.	17	Doctor available	No doctor
Sun.	18	Doctor available	No doctor
Mon.	19	Doctor available	No doctor
Tues.	20	Doctor available	Doctor available
Wed	21	Doctor available	No doctor
Thurs	22	Doctor available	No doctor
Fri	23	Doctor available	No doctor
Sat.	24	Doctor available	No doctor
Sun.	25	Doctor available	No doctor
Mon.	26	Doctor available	Doctor available
Tues.	27	Doctor available	Doctor available
Wed	28	Doctor available	Doctor available
Thurs	29	Doctor available	Doctor available
Fri	30	Doctor available	No doctor



Recycling for Tomorrow



Reduce Reuse, Recycle

Waste Management is a huge part of our everyday lives, whether we realize it or not. Identifying and separating our waste materials and getting them to an appropriate program is crucial in managing how fast we use our natural resources, and fill our landfill cells. Practicing the 3 R's is a great way to do our part in maintaining healthy communities

- **Reduce:** This is the most important of the 3 R's, and also the toughest. We all have needs, and more often than not our purchases can come with a large amount of waste. Many types of packaging and plastics are not recyclable, so these materials end up piling up in our landfills at an alarming rate, and we have to be aware of this. Being aware of ways we can reduce our waste is the first step.
 - **Reuse:** If you can, find a way to *reuse* those unwanted items. You could; set that lumber aside and use it on a project around the yard, donate those old pairs of shoes, sell those toys to another family, keep those coffee cans for sorting nails, turn that old window into an art project, etc. We need to be creative when it comes to *reusing*, but if you look for it, there are many ways that we can do it. Try using online resources for inspiration, the possibilities are endless.
 - **Recycle:** Recycling is a big part of today's waste management. Keeping items out of the landfill cell and returning them into the program is crucial. Once you have reduced, and reused, the last thing we can do is recycle. Being knowledgeable of what we can and cannot recycle is very important in having an efficient waste management system in our communities. In our local recycling programs, we have sorted out clothing, diapers, batteries, aerosol cans, food waste, needles... the list goes on. Recycling does not refer solely to what you put in your blue recycling bag - there are many established programs for multiple different materials.
- Electronics Recycling (TV's, remotes, radios, small appliances, etc.)
 - Household Hazardous Waste (ALL aerosol containers, paints, weed killer, light bulbs, Propane tanks, etc.)
 - Scrap Metals (Metal appliances, wires, metal furniture, aluminum, etc.)
 - Glass Materials (Mirrors, bottles, windows, ceramics, etc.)
 - Yard Wastes (Leaves, tree trimmings, grass, garden cleanouts, etc.)
 - Combustibles (Soiled cardboards/papers)
 - Burnable's (Wooden furniture, large tree trimmings, unwanted wood scrap, etc.)
 - Rubber Tires
 - Batteries (Multiple Types - up to 5KG)
 - Farm Materials (Containers up to 23L, Grain bags, Twine, Bale & Silage Wraps)
 - Expired/Unwanted Medications and Medical Sharps

Did you know that all of the above are NOT accepted in the landfill cells as waste? Our Waste Disposal Grounds accept all of the items; however, they should be dropped off at their appropriate station prior to dumping your waste in the landfill cell. Tipping fees for waste are only applicable to items that are placed into the landfill cell - the more you can divert from the landfill cells, the better.

We have diverting and recycling programs for:

- Engine Oils, Filters, and Containers
- Antifreeze and Containers

If you need more information on these programs, or need assistance on which materials can be diverted from the landfill, do not hesitate to contact us at (204) 768-2641, or (204) 739-2666.

RM of West Interlake, Utilities

Don't Flush Your Money Down the Drain!

This article is for all residents connected to sewer systems in Ashern & Eriksdale or will be in the future. This is intended to educate you, the homeowner and anyone living in your home as to what **should not** be flushed down the toilets.

We have been experiencing an alarming number of clogged pumps at our sewer pump stations because of foreign materials being flushed down the toilets or poured down drains. The pumps in these stations are designed to handle water, human waste and tissue paper only.

Examples of what should not be flushed down toilets or poured down drains are as follows:

- Cloth rags or towels
- Baby wipes, Toilet wipes, Towelettes, Disinfecting wipes, or cloth wipes of any kind (even if the container indicates that they are “flushable”)

- Paper (other than toilet paper/tissue)
- Medications (Prescriptions, or over the counter)
- Feminine hygiene products of any kind
- Beauty products (Q-Tips, dental floss)
- Plastics of any kind
- Grease of any kind – especially cooking grease
- Garden supplies (such as pesticides, fertilizers)
- Paint, Varnish, paint remover
- Motor oil, gasoline, or any explosive material
- Baby or Adult diapers

In fact, any of the listed items that should not go into the public sewer system should not be flushed into a septic tank (for those residents not tied into a public sewer system).

Instead, all of the items mentioned should be thrown out with the trash or disposed of properly. **Remember... only water, human waste, and tissue paper should be flushed down toilets.** Clogged pumps lead to sewer backups which can back up into your homes and are expensive to clean and repair. This cost is borne by you – the sewer rate payer.

From January 2021 to April we have required over 148 manhours to unclog pumps costing sewer ratepayers \$4,500.00. In addition we require annual sewer cleaning that costs on average \$20,000.

Please share this information with all members of your household. If you have an outside contractor come in to clean your home, please be sure to pass this information on to them as well.

If you have any questions about this article please feel free to contact Les Ratte, Utility Foreman at the Ashern Municipal Office (204-768-2641)



Summer Student Employment Opportunities

**Are you a Metis student looking for summer employment?
If so, we want to hear from you!**

We are recruiting students to match students to summer employment positions across the province for our Summer Student Employment Program. MET partners with employers to create & support summer work experience for students to earn money and acquire valuable real-world workforce experience.

Positions are available between April 12, 2021 and September 3, 2021.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:

- Metis Students who are:
 - High School and Post-Secondary Students
 - between the ages of 15 and 30 at the start of employment.
 - A full-time student in the current academic year and returning as a full-time student in the upcoming academic year
 - Students 15 years of age and under must provide a valid Young Workers Readiness Certificate to be considered for employment. Visit <https://ywrcc.safemanitoba.com/> for more details.

TO APPLY:

- Submit your resume to metresumes@mmf.mb.ca as soon as possible, positions are limited and fill up fast!
- If you need help with a resume our friendly staff are available to assist you.

All MMF sponsored students are encouraged to apply.



The RM of West Interlake is looking for:**Volunteer Firefighters for the Ashern Area**

If you have a desire to keep your community safe, you should consider being a volunteer firefighter. We need men and women who are willing to respond and protect from fire and mitigate emergencies in their community, as well as those who can assist with community education, fundraising and administration.

**Required Qualifications are:**

- (a) 18 years of age;
- (b) preferred minimum grade 12 or equivalent education and passes such aptitude and other tests as may be required by the Chief of the Department;
- (c) is physically capable of performing the duties of the position and produces a physician's letter at their own cost stating that the physician is aware that the person will be performing duties within a fire department and that the person is capable of such duties; and,
- (d) has, at minimum, a valid Class 5 Drivers License and, will be required to work towards obtaining a Class 4 Drivers License with Air Brakes Endorsement, In addition prior to acceptance on the Fire Department the applicant at their own expense will be required to provide a current drivers abstract which will assist in determining the suitability of the candidate. Prior to responding to any emergency calls using Municipal vehicles or other modes of transportation the member will be in compliance.

To apply: Please send resume to Fire Chief Ken Falk at ashernfd@gmail.com or call 204-739-3641 for more information.

Junior Volunteer Firefighters for the Ashern and Eriksdale Areas

The Junior Firefighter Program supports fire and emergency service departments by fostering relationships and engaging youth in learning about, and ultimately becoming, members of the emergency services. It is key to attract people into the emergency services while they are young so that they form a lifelong connection, whether as a first responder or as a community supporter. Junior firefighter programs give our province's youth the chance to learn about local fire, rescue, and emergency medical services response organizations in a safe, controlled, educational, and fun way while providing departments with an excellent recruitment mechanism.

If you are between the ages of 14 and 18 and would like to become a Junior Fire Fighter Contact Fire Chief Ken Falk for the Ashern area at ashernfd@gmail.com or Fire Chief Craig Pottinger for the Eriksdale area at rmefd@mymts.net

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The RM of West Interlake invites applications for the following:

**Summer Students
(Ashern & Eriksdale Positions)**

Positions will be available for the following departments:

- Administration (office assistance)
- Recreation (recreation programming)
- Public Works (public works maintenance)

If you're interested in joining our team this summer, please send your resume to Courtney Roehl, CAO at cao@rmofwestinterlake.com

Please specify which department you are interested in.

Further information may be obtained by contacting:



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