

RM OF WEST INTERLAKE MUNICIPAL MATTERS

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Ashern - The Railway Park Pavilion is near completion!

The Pavilion will be the centre focus of the park with features such as pathways, trees and shrubs that will be planted, new parking design along Railway Avenue (pending approvals). Amphitheatre style seating and potential winter skating path. Using natural features and incorporating these new design concepts will truly bring Railway Park to life and become a great place to gather, celebrate, relax, exercise and more. Further plans include the new Railway Park Trail system that will branch out from the park, stretching roughly 9.4 kms around Ashern in 4 different loops.

2022 Municipal Election



TIME TO GET RUNNING !

Election Day is October 26, 2022!

Campaign Period & Candidate Registration Starts:

Mayors/Reeves – May 1, 2022

Councillors – June 30, 2022

Nomination:

September 14, 2022 to September 20, 2022

Withdrawal Deadline:

September 21, 2022

Filing of Election Finance Statements:

Deadline determined by municipalities. No later than 210 days (May 24, 2023) after the election.

For information, please contact the SEO (Senior Election Official) at seo@rmofwestinterlake.com

Contact your municipal office or the SEO to make sure you are on the voter's list.

Notice of Public Hearing

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 2022 at a Public Hearing in the Ashern Centennial Hall, Hwy 325 East, Ashern, MB on

Monday, May 9th 2022 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 25th of April 2022, and may be examined by any person during regular office hours at the Municipal Offices.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2022

Jodi Thorkelsson

Interim Chief Administrative Officer

RM of West Interlake



Scan the QR Code to take a quick 10-minute survey on Waste Disposal and Recycling Programs. Complete by April 30 for a chance to win Amazon gift cards!

SIGLUNES REGIONAL LIBRARY

What a winter! But the weather and Covid has not stopped people reading! And PRL and your local library have been there right throughout this pandemic for you.

SUPPORT FOR LEARNING

- Due to school remote learning periods, I saw families coming in looking for books and ideas for their children.
- Growing number of Home-Schooling students who are accessing the PRL catalogue for study.
- I am also helping post-secondary and tertiary students' access research references through EBSCO Host Database.

PATRON SERVICES

- Patrons further North (RM Grahamdale) and West (RM West Interlake) i.e. Hillbre, St Martin, Steep Rock, Gypsumville and The Narrows have been coming in for a monthly collection of books (10-20 books) due to the concerns about being snowed in. A high % of patrons request holds on books or place holds themselves electronically. And now there is no quarantine of books when they arrive.
- An increase in people who have expired library cards are renewing or rejoining PRL again. Remember your card lasts for 3 years. Give me a call if you'd like to renew or register a new patron card.
- The library has a broad selection of magazine that can be borrowed and also jig-saw puzzles donated by locals, which is much appreciated.

ELECTRONIC SERVICES

- The % of patrons needing help with electronic set up has greatly increased and age group demographics for this is wide. With Parklands Regional Libraries' Services increasing all the time:
- LIBBY's E-Books, E-Audio Books and E magazines, and no monthly limits
 - KANOPY- streaming movies and documentaries
 - CREATIVEBUG- free arts-based classes and mini webinars. Even cooking classes!
- The library also has two public computers for use with W-Fi, printing and scanning facilities.

BOOKS IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE

We've had a strong interest from local immigrant residents wanting books in their own language. (East Indian Punjabi and Arabic.) I was able to get a bulk loan of Punjabi language books from the special services branch of Winnipeg's Millennium Library for six months. That's a great network to have made. Come in and see me if you are interested in these books.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

A new 2022 initiative with 10 patrons interested at this moment. With MB Health Co-Vid restrictions changing, the club will offer both Zoom and meeting at the library. You get a month to read a book for discussion.

A LIBRARY FOR YOUNG LOCALS

Throughout March, we have had a Spring colouring competition of Spring images with book prizes. This was to lift kids' spirits after this winter and engage them in new fiction and non-fiction books. This summer the TD Summer Reading Club will be offered again. https://www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca/about_the_club We are hoping to set up a Story Walk in Railway Park for kids to read a book on large boards. A great family activity. Will keep you posted on FB.

CONTACT- want to know what's going on in your library? Check out the Siglunes District Public Library Facebook page. Or Phone: 204 768 2048 email siglun15@mymts.net

Happy Reading everyone Jude McCudden

Blazing a trail with a community's first-ever recreation program and investing in an employee's recreation career (cont...)

The day camps were a great success, Clayton says. "We had never run anything like that. Parents in the community were very pleased, and even kids from other municipalities were coming to Sam's activities because he had really unique ideas."

After the summer camps, Sam and Clayton looked ahead to scope out recreational programming for the fall and winter. The communities have strong local sport leagues and clubs, including a skating club and minor hockey. Sam has been joining committees and boards for several sport organizations, strengthening the municipality's support for those activities. Sam says he's particularly excited about playing hockey himself this winter.

"Being from Ohio, I'm a big Columbus Blue Jackets fan and a new Patrik Laine fan, and two years ago I got to play hockey for the first time and I loved it."

Sam and Clayton are also developing plans to create after-school and weekend activities for children and youth. Clayton says that Sam is expanding the concept of what recreation can look like – challenging the idea that it is only about sports.

"Sam has been good at opening our eyes to arts, music and the culture aspects of recreation," says Clayton.

West Interlake has made a commitment to the future of its recreational program and Sam's place within it. The municipality financed his participation in a program at Robertson College in Winnipeg, with him graduating in late February 2022 with a Recreation Program Leader diploma.

"I feel very thankful that I am able to be supported by so many people within the RM," Sam says. It's gratifying to see that everyone has a lot of faith in me that I will succeed at this job."



Economic Development Officer;
Clayton Gibson



Recreational Programmer;
Sam Bayer

REMINDER!
Financial Plan PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, May 9, 2022

REMINDER!
Did you scan the QR Code to win
Amazon Gift Cards?

Blazing a trail with a community's first-ever recreation program and investing in an employee's recreation career

The Rural Municipality (RM) of West Interlake in Manitoba had never had a formal recreation program of its own. Now, all that has changed: West Interlake is building one from the ground up and supporting the professional development of the young man hired to coordinate the program.

Funding from CPRA's Youth Employment Experience program has helped bring the municipality's vision to life.

Spanning more than 1,600 square kilometres, West Interlake is north of Winnipeg in the Interlake Region, between Lake Winnipeg and Lake Manitoba. Most of the population of 2,200 is concentrated in the towns of Ashern and Eriksdale.

West Interlake's recreational programming was previously coordinated by a regional recreation commission responsible for four municipalities. That model wasn't working well for West Interlake, says Clayton Gibson, the RM's Economic Development Officer.

"The huge challenge was there was only one person tasked with doing recreation in a very large geographical area. It was a lot for one person to handle, and in West Interlake, we felt our level of activity was too low. We decided that we needed our own program and our own coordinator to really make a difference in our communities."

Clayton and other community stakeholders started to develop plans for "homegrown" recreational programming, as well as infrastructure upgrades that would create new opportunities for outdoor activities – including a plan and conceptual design to develop a new park and trail system in Ashern, called "Railway Park."

In 2021, thanks to support from the CPRA program, the RM hired Sam Bayer as West Interlake's first-ever Recreation Coordinator to help develop recreational and sport program development and to run various programs.

CPRA's Youth Employment Experience program provides funding to municipalities and non-profits so they can employ and provide mentorship to young people in the parks and recreation sector – a skills-development initiative for employees and a capacity booster for organizations.

Sam, who is 28 years old, moved to Ashern from Ohio a couple of years ago.

"I haven't formally worked in this field before, but outdoor recreation and sports have been my passion since I was a kid. I knew this job was right up my alley," says Sam.

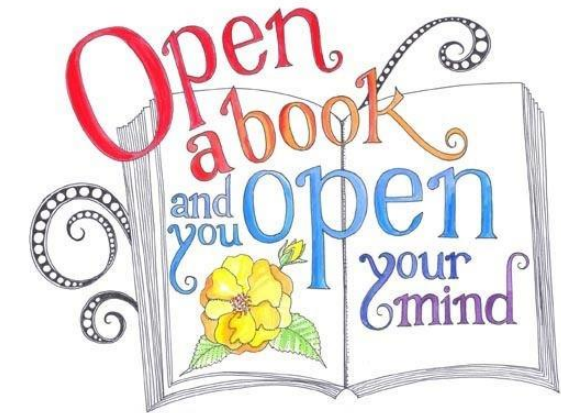
"I used to live in a large town in Columbus, Ohio, and I always had access to any type of recreation I wanted. That's why this job is important to me because I know what a blessing it is to be able to enjoy recreation close to home."

Sam's first main project in his new role was to organize and run programming for summer day camps. "I designed the camps to have a different theme each week that would excite the children and educate them while they were doing crafts and playing games, but ultimately the goal was for the children to have fun and enjoy time with each other," he says.



Siglunes Regional Library

Patron Khushwant Dhillon looking through Punjabi language books



ERIKSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Name the Fish Contest!

At the Eriksdale Library we have 2 new fish that we would like people to suggest some names for them. (pictured to the right) The Eriksdale Public Library features "Author of the Month" and this author is highlighted every month on the Library's Facebook page.

The library has an on-going book sale, 25c for paperbacks and \$1.00 for hardcover. Come anytime and check out many choices!

You can contact the Eriksdale Public Library at 204-739-2668 or email epl1@mymts.net

Congratulations to our patron Donna K. who was the lucky winner for our Easter Contest.





The Province has launched a website, <https://manitoba4ukraine.ca/>, as a central portal to gather and share information on Manitoba's efforts to assist Ukraine and its people. Individuals who would like to stay informed or participate are encouraged to visit this website and sign up to receive updates. If you would like to display the Ukraine flag (pictured below) in your window, please contact either municipal office to obtain one, free of charge. This is in colour, on a 11" x 17" paper.



A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM ERIKSDALE AND ASHERN FIRE DEPARTMENTS

All burning with the exception of contained burn pits or barrels require a burn permit 12 months of the year.

These permits are free and available at both RM offices. Either in person or call Ashern 204-768-2641 or Eriksdale 204-739-2666



Upcoming Dates:

April 1, 2022 Water Testing Days, Application Open
Submit request form by May 2, 2022

Drop off dates: May 24 and June 6, before 10:00am

50% off advanced sample

Free Coliform and E.coli sample

Forms available at the Ashern and Eriksdale Municipal offices.

May 6, 2022

WIWD Funding Information and Programming Workshop

5:00pm Lunda Legion Hall

Featuring: Michael Thiele; Cover Crop/Polycropping Expert

Contact: 204-762-5850
manager@wiwd.ca

CONTRACTOR RATES FOR 2022

The RM of West Interlake is currently accepting Contractor Rates for 2022. Only submitted contractors and rates can be accepted for any municipal work. Send the completed form, found on the RM website; at www.rmofwestinterlake.com or contact either office.

2022 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

Applications for ratepayers to have dust control applied to road allowances by their residences will be out soon. Watch for posters and announcements.



Living the Dream at Eriksdale Music Shop

Dawn and Derrick would like to extend their deep appreciation to everyone for supporting their transition to being back in the West Interlake. The Dream of the All-in-One Studio/ Shop supports music and arts: pottery and music, CNC wood & metal works, picture framing, lessons and a live music venue. If something interests you, come see us. Drop-in for a tour Tuesday - Saturday. This spring look for The Big Guitar at what was Big Al's in Eriksdale, 58 Vimy Road, Hwy #68.

2022 began quietly with music events around Valentines, St. Paddy's and the start of monthly Open Mic's. Events are planned for April 22, Earth Day with Rob Knaggs, a cellist from Australia. Summer Music Camps are planned for mid-July. See the Events listed in the Community Calendar section.

Living the Dream is also mounting an annual Music Festival to celebrate life, drawing from local talents, musicians and artisans connected to our communities. Midst the Saturday music is a Motorcycle / Car Show & Shine with a pop-up handmade village near the regular Saturday Market Garden in Railway Ave Park.

Interested in The RAT Guitar Challenge? Make a guitar out of any junk you want, be judged on playability as well as creativity. Eriksdale is a perfect location with the central Railway Park, The Rec Centre Complex, McEwen Park Fair and Camp Grounds.

Join us June 4 for festival fund-raiser featuring local Tribute Bands doing The Mavericks, The Hip, Elvis, Roy Orbison and Joe Cocker.

Anyone wanting to participate or help with festival for August 19-21 is most welcome. Call Derrick McCandless 431.334-7558 / Tim Cameron 204.302-1043

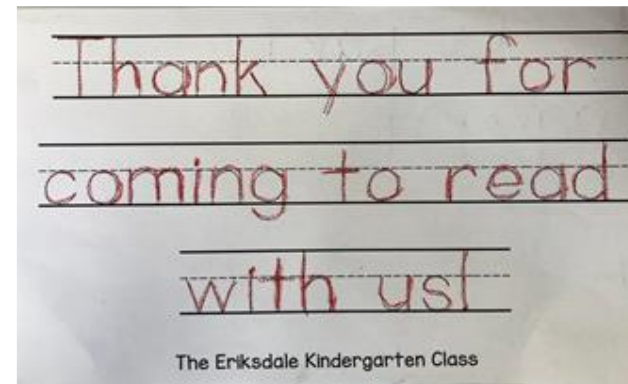
SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

The RM of West Interlake will be accepting applications/resumes for the following positions;

- 6 Green Team Students
- 2 Recreation Program Students
- 4 MMF Students
- 2 Office Administration Students

All summer student positions require that the applicant is returning to school in the fall of 2022. This can be high school or college/university.

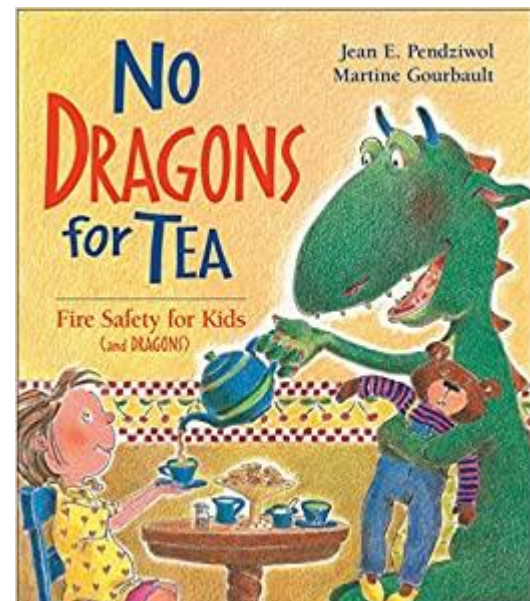
Get your resumes in early for best job selection. Include a hand written application letter.



This year I had the privilege of volunteering to read for “I Love to Read Month”. I read to Kindergarden, Grades 1 and 2 students. I am sure I had just as much fun as they did. It is nice to be able to get out into the communities again. I am hoping to put together more activites this summer. Watch the RM of West Interlake Facebook Page or Website, as well as the Eriksdale Fire Department’s Facebook Page for the upcoming events in our community!

Submitted by Davina Mason

Fire Prevention Week takes place every _____.
 Fire Safety Starts with _____.
 Stop, _____ and Roll.



WEST INTERLAKE EVENTS

Eriksdale Music Shoppe, follow on Facebook for all upcoming events!

- April 22nd - Rob Knaggs; Cellist from Australia, Tickets \$12.00 ***Will be Re Scheduled.
- April 27th - Open Mic, bring an instrument or come and listen. Donations accepted for the Music Festival.
- May 25th – Open Mic (Festival donations accepted)
- May 28th – Tim Osmond with a special guest stride piano player, Tickets \$12.00
- June 4th - Tribute Bands {The Mavericks, The Hip, Joe Cocker, Elvis, Roy Orbison}, Eriksdale Rec Centre. Contact Derrick at 431-334-7558 for information and tickets, \$15.00
- June 22nd – Open Mic (Festival donations accepted)
- August 19th to 21st – ROGERKIMLEE Music Festival, Sol James, El Leo, DB Blues Band and more.
- Music Camp – July 11-15 and July 18-22. Recital at the end of each week. Contact Derrick.

West Interlake Recreation Department, follow on Facebook and the RM website!

- March 28th & 31st - Family Movie Night – There were two showings of the movie “Encanto”. Attendance was good so this type of event will continue, watch for the notices on the municipality’s Facebook page. These events are FREE of charge.
- April 9th - Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30-11:30am in Ashern and at 1:00-2:00pm in Eriksdale. These events took place in each community’s Railway Park.

Summer Camps – will be taking place again this summer. Watch for more details, how to register, locations and themes.

Eriksdale & District Chamber of Commerce follow on Facebook

The Great Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday July 30th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. The Chamber is looking for food vendors to be in attendance. If you are a food vendor, please email the Chamber at EriksdaleChamber21@gmail.com Additional events are being planned for this date, so stay tuned!

Market Garden – The market will open on Saturday July 2nd, 2022 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The Market will be open every Saturday until the end of September. If you Make It, Bake It or Grow It, you can sell it at the Market Garden. Email the Chamber to become a vendor. 10% of your total gross sales is payable to the Chamber.

Contests – watch for contests sponsored by the Chamber. Prizes consist of Chamber Gift Certificates redeemable only at Chamber member businesses.

West Interlake Community Development Corporation

The Eriksdale CDC has expanded to include all of the RM of West Interlake! The West Interlake CDC will be focusing on new projects later in 2022. The CDC is looking to fill a few board positions, interested community members can contact the EDO, Clayton Gibson at gibson@rmofwestinterlake.com for more information.

SAVE THESE DATES



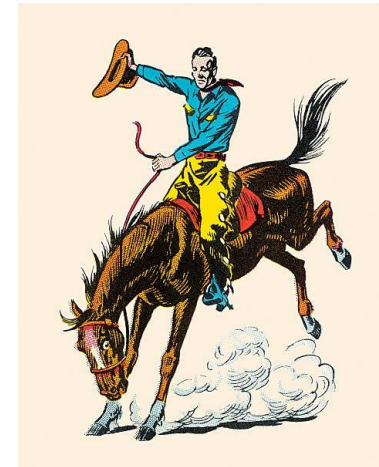
Eriksdale Creamery Museum – AGM

Thursday April 28, 2022 at 7:00pm
Eriksdale Memorial Community Centre
22 Railway Ave, Eriksdale

Membership BBQ

Saturday June 4, 2022
at the Museum Grounds
11:00am to 2:00pm
\$10.00 Membership includes BBQ Lunch

SAVE THESE DATES



After 2 years the organizing committee is extremely excited to announce that we will once gain be hosting the annual

Eriksdale Creamery Days – Fair & Rodeo July 2 and 3, 2022

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again and enjoying a great weekend of fun and activities this summer!
Please note the change of event date this year
Watch for more details as they become available

Eriksdale New Horizons

General Meeting
Monday April 25, 2022 at 1:00pm
At the Eriksdale New Horizons Club
14 Railway Ave, Eriksdale



Shuffleboard Group

Wednesday's at 1:00 pm
Ashern Curling Rink.
\$5.00 per person.
Activity for all ages



Spring Fling



Eriksdale Community Club

Presents
Spring Dinner & Dance
Saturday May 7, 2022
Eriksdale Recreation Centre
BBQ Steak Dinner
Cocktails 5:00-6:00pm
Supper 6:00-7:00pm
Silent Auction 1 Draw for \$500.00
\$40.00/ticket per person
Please order your tickets by April 25, 2022
Call or text Vienna at 204-739-8276 or
Dale at 204-214-0145

Ashern Pioneer Museum

Annual General Meeting
April 26, 2022 at 7:00pm
RM of West Interlake Office
38 Main St, Ashern

