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Town, local group plan new life for Rayside School



The former Rayside School may soon see new life as Shellbrook's tourist information booth and museum, if the stars align.

When you set foot in the Rayside School, it's like stepping back in time.

At first glance, the school looks like it could still be in use. The desks are arranged in tidy rows, with books scattered atop them. The teacher's desk still sits at the front of the classroom, in front of a blackboard covered in writing.

And, above all this, the portraits of the Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip still sit on the walls, exactly as they did from the time the Rayside School opened its doors in 1949 to the time it was closed in 1965.

"It's probably the last country school around that's still sort of the way it was when we went to it," said Rae Moe, a one-time student at the school who is now involved with the Friends of Ray-

side, a group interested in seeing the building restored.

"When I walked in there, it was like I was back in school. Nothing had changed. You don't see that anymore."

Constructed in 1949 on land donated by Guy Van Eaton, the Rayside School was actually the second building to bear the name.

Originally located eight miles north of Shellbrook, before it was moved into town to sit next to the Shellbrook Museum about 10 years ago, the school educated children in Grades 1 through 8, and was considered "modern" by country schoolhouse standards.

Where most one-room schoolhouses had a few shelves for libraries, the Rayside School had a dedicated library

room. It also had a coat rack room, indoor washrooms, a water pump connected to a cistern, and, as Moe recalls, an upstairs attic area, referred to as the "physics lab," as well as a basement that was used for recreation during the winter.

Though more than a few years have passed since she sat in one of the school's desks, Moe still has pleasant memories of Rayside, and the days that would begin with the pledge of allegiance to the Queen and O'Canada, and end with God Save the Queen.

She remembers the school had a ball team every year, consisting of students from all grades, and would play against students from schools in Foxdale, Cookson, and Ridge Valley on Friday after-

noons.

She remembers making the trip into Shellbrook for track and field meets.

And, perhaps most of all, she remembers the "marvellous" Christmas concerts, and the festivities surrounding them.

Every Friday night, all winter long, the Rayside School was host to a card party, where parents paid \$1 to play Whist.

The money raised through these parties was used to buy Christmas presents for each of the kids at the Christmas concert, with each child being allowed to pick out a gift from the Sears or Eaton's catalogue. Those gifts would be purchased by the teacher, then delivered by Santa himself.

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"The kids would play in the basement, and the mothers would bring sandwiches and cakes, and things like that, and they'd make a big pot of coffee and have lunch after the party. It was such a good community building," Moe said.

"I have such fond memories. My heart would be happy to have it preserved the way it was, with some history written in the school so that people could visit it and know who went there and where it was."

If the stars align, Moe's heart will be happy, indeed.

Around the time that Shellbrook's town council began mulling over what to do with the Shellbrook CN Station, which is currently home to the Shellbrook Museum, similar questions began to be asked about the Rayside School building.

The answer to those questions, was to give the building new life.

"The idea came up to move it and use it as the new tourist information booth [in Kinsmen Park] and replace the A-frame building that's there, and put it on a foundation similar to the one it used to sit on when it sat in Rayside," said Shellbrook town councillor Brent Miller.

"The idea would be to store some of the antiques in the museum in the basement. At the same time, we could take a small piece of the classroom upstairs, where the curator of the museum could rotate pieces into it to display."

Per Miller's vision for the Rayside School, the building could become a place for travellers along Highway 3 to stop for tea, coffee, and a bathroom break throughout the warmer seasons, and, funding permitting, the area immediately around it could be developed into a full rest stop.

While this would certainly give the building a new pur-



More than half a century later, the classroom of the Rayside School still looks much like it originally did.

pose, and preserve it as a centrepiece of the Shellbrook Museum, Miller says everything comes back to the question money, and how the town justifies its decisions to ratepayers.

According to preliminary research, just moving the building to Kinsmen Park would cost anywhere between \$45,000 and \$60,000. Then, of course, there are the costs of digging and finishing a basement, getting the services hooked up, and putting in modern bathrooms.

This may seem pricey, but Miller is confident the costs can be whittled down to next to nothing with the help of grant funding and some innovative thinking.

For starters, Miller says the school's age makes it eligible for a heritage designation, even if it isn't in its original location, opening the doors to a plethora of heritage and other grants to move the building and restore its "quaint

rural schoolhouse" charm.

"Funding can be used for repairs to the building, so long as it's for the exterior and keeping it looking like the original school. That's where the Friends of Rayside were interested in getting involved," Miller said.

Under the terms of many heritage grants, 50 per cent of the funds don't need to be paid back, while 25 per cent of the remaining half can be in-kind on the part of the owner of the facility, leaving just 25 per cent to account for.

"If we wanted to replace the windows, and make it so the new windows look like the old ones but are energy efficient, they [the Friends of Rayside] would cover those kinds of costs," Miller said. "If we wanted to put the same kind of siding on, or build steps up to the second entrance and make them original, they would look after that."

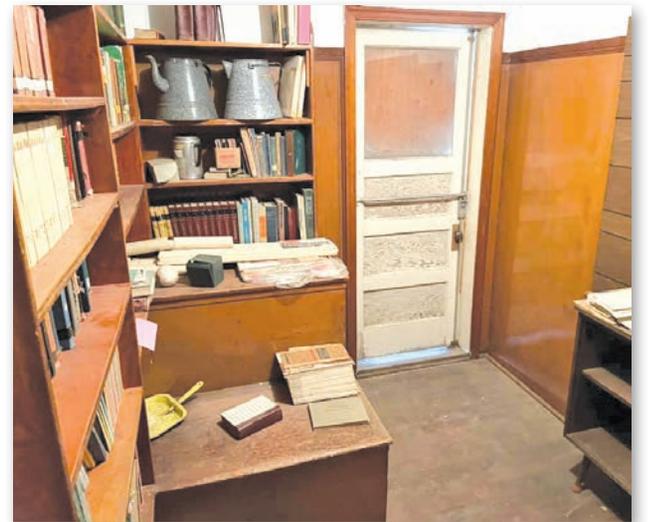
In addition to covering costs with grants, Miller says some costs could be recouped by renting the building out as a meeting place.

Then, there's also the possibility of selling off some of the redundant pieces of the Shellbrook Museum's collection.

"We only need a certain amount of butter churns," he said. "We'd go to the people and families that donated the pieces first, to see if they want them back, then choose some of the better examples and keep them for our museum."

As someone who, like Moe, has a personal connection to the school, he sees the value in ensuring Rayside is preserved. And, if the question of funds can be answered, Miller says he can see this project moving ahead "fairly quickly."

"There aren't too many of these schoolhouses around anymore," he said. "It's important that we don't lose our heritage."



A "modern" school by the day's standards, the Rayside School had a dedicated room that served as its library.

Village of Canwood Notice of Assessment Roll

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Village of Canwood for the year 2021 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the Assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday from March 24, 2021, to May 26, 2021.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file a notice of appeal with:

The Assessor, Village of Canwood
Box 172
Canwood, SK
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by 3:00 p.m. on the 26th day of May, 2021.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2021.

Erin Robertson, Assessor

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Pursuant to subsection 214 of *The Municipalities Act*, Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Resort Village of Pebble Bay for the year 2021 has been prepared and is open to inspection by calling (306)468-3104 or emailing resortpebblebay@gmail.com for an appointment between March 26th and May 26th, 2021. Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with:

The Assessor
Resort Village of Pebble Bay
Box 449, Canwood, SK S0J 0K0

By the 26th day of May, 2021

Dated at Canwood, Saskatchewan, this 19th day of March, 2021

Terry Lofstrom, Assessor
Resort Village of Pebble Bay

NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TOWN OF SPIRITWOOD

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office of:

Councillor: Town of Spiritwood
Number to be elected: One

will be received by the undersigned on the 14th day of April, 2021 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Spiritwood Town Office;

and during regular business hours on March 25th to April 14th, 2021 at the Spiritwood Town Office.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location:

- www.townofspiritwood.ca
- Spiritwood Town Office, 212 Main Street

Public Disclosure Statements are required to be submitted with all nomination forms.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2021.

Rhonda Saam
Returning Officer

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

R.M. OF BIG RIVER NO. 555

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 for the year 2021 has been prepared and is open to inspection at the office of the Assessor from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, March 26th, to May 26th, 2021.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person wishing to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the Assessor at 306-469-2323 (RM) or 1-800-667-5203 (SAMA).

Any person wishing to appeal an assessment is required to file a "Notice of Appeal to the Board of Revision", by May 26th, 2021, with Aileen Swenson, Secretary to the Board of Revision, 31 Wilkie Rd., REGINA, SK, S4S 5Y3, (secretary@gkplus.com), along with the applicable fee(s), made payable to the RM of Big River, which will be returned if the appeal is successful.

Dated at Big River, Saskatchewan this 26th day of March, 2021.

Donna Tymiak
Assessor



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Please contact your local school for registration details.

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Living Sky Schools
Hartley Clark - Spiritwood (K) 306-883-2183
Leoville Central (Pre-K & K) 306-984-2241
Medstead Central (K) 306-342-4600

Over 50 join MMIP walk and vigil

A group of over 50 people gathered on Hwy 24, 20 km north of the Town of Spiritwood on Saturday, March 20, to participate in a walk for awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons. The group, which was led and followed by officers from the First Nation Police Service, began their walk around 12:30 p.m.

Many wore t-shirts with photos of missing or murdered family or community members, while others held signs. Most of the group set out on foot, while others opted to drive slowly in the procession.

Organizers outlined some rules related to COVID-19 prior to the event to ensure safety for all participants.

The walk finished in the Town of Spiritwood at the RCMP detachment, where a vigil was held for Brandon Thomas-Sakebow whose last contact with his family was March 20, 2020, and was last seen at the Mission RCMP

station in BC on March 21, 2020.

The family have continued to search for him over the past year, making multiple trips to BC hoping to find some information about his disappearance.

While the family has had some difficulty working with the Mission RCMP detachment, they say the communication has improved since the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) became involved.

Jason Stonechild, Director of Justice and Special Investigations Unit for FSIN, was invited to speak at the vigil, which was held across the street from the Spiritwood RCMP detachment. Stonechild was a member of the Prince Albert Police Service for 27 years, before taking on this new role last December.

He introduced the family of Sakebow that were present at the vigil, before thanking those who participated in the walk for helping bring awareness to the challenges faced by members of indigenous communities in Canada.

“The whole community doesn’t understand the challenges that indigenous people go through,” said Stonechild. “The disproportionate representation of victimization, criminality, and suffering in Saskatchewan. People see it but they don’t care.”

Other members of the indigenous community shared stories of their loved ones who have gone missing, or been murdered, before the vigil finished.



The family of Brandon Thomas-Sakebow organized the Walk for Awareness and Vigil marking one year since their last communication with him.



Over 50 people participated in Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Walk for Awareness that took place on Hwy 24 on Saturday.



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Virtual meeting time is set for 7:00 p.m. CST.

Information on how to join this virtual meeting will be available by April 15, 2021 by visiting our website at www.innovationcu.ca.

Meeting agenda items include:

- Report on 2020 operations and presentation of financial statements (copies of financial statements will be available for examination on our website at www.innovationcu.ca or at any advice centre of Innovation Credit Union after April 15, 2021)
- Announcement of elected directors
- Appointment of Auditor
- Other Business

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As the Michaels languish, will Trudeau fight back?

“Human beings are not bartering chips.”

How is it, that in one clear, concise sentence, United States President Joe Biden delivered a more profound condemnation of the Chinese government’s unlawful detention of Canadians Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor, than Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has managed over the past two years?

Mr. Trudeau has spoken often about Kovrig, a Canadian diplomat once stationed in Beijing, and Spavor, a businessman facilitating sports and cultural exchanges between Canada, China and North Korea, since they were detained on charges of espionage at the end of 2018.

The arrests of the two Michaels, as they’re now called, came just nine days after Canada detained Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou on behalf of the United States, making them a clear retaliation on the part of the Chinese Government.

China’s wrath didn’t end there, either. In the spring of 2019, it exacted its vengeance on Canada’s agriculture sector, blocking imports of canola, soybeans, peas, and pork.

Even still, the best Mr. Trudeau could manage, just weeks before the two Michaels were put on trial in China, was this: “It is obvious that the two Michaels were arrested on trumped-up national security charges days after we fulfilled our extradition treaty responsibilities toward our ally, the United States.”

Mr. Spavor’s behind-closed-doors trial, held in the city of Dandong on March 19, ended without a ruling. Mr. Kovrig’s hearing, meanwhile, was held on March 22 and concluded in similar fashion.

Both are likely to be found guilty, despite the dearth of evidence against them.

While they await their inevitable sentencing they are kept in windowless cells, which are said to measure three metres by three metres.

They share these tiny spaces, and the rudimentary toilets in them, with other inmates.



JORDAN TWISS

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News Editor

There’s no furniture, save for paper-thin mattresses, and, unlike Canadian prisons, there’s no exercise yard or mess hall.

The only contact both Michaels have with the outside world comes through irregular visits from Canadian government officials, and the few letters they are permitted to write to their families.

In spite of these conditions – conditions that would break even the strongest of spirits – Messrs. Kovrig and Spavor are said to be enduring.

By stark contrast, Ms. Wanzhou is currently languishing under house arrest in her recently renovated \$13 million mansion, as she awaits extradition to the United States to face charges of fraud and technology theft. There, she is permitted to freely roam a 62 square-kilometre area.

This arrangement, approved by the Supreme Court of British Columbia after Ms. Wanzhou petitioned the court, is a clear upgrade from the comparatively inhumane conditions in her \$5 million, six-bedroom home.

This situation is, in every sense of the word, a travesty, a mockery of the very notion of justice. And the blame for it falls squarely on the shoulders of Mr. Trudeau.

This isn’t the first time Canadians have been caught in the crossfire of a diplomatic spat between the United States and China.

In 2014, Canada acted on the United States’ behalf in arresting Su Bin, who was accused of stealing military secrets. In response, China detained Canadians Kevin and Julia Garratt, who had lived in China since 1984, operating a coffee shop and doing missionary work.

Compared to the two Michaels, the Garratts got off easy. Julia was released after six months, while Kevin spent two years in custody.

Still, there was a clear lesson to be learned from the Garratts – a lesson Mr. Trudeau ignored. Now Messrs. Kovrig and Spavor are paying the price, both for his mistakes and for his failure to fight on their behalf.



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YOUR TWO CENTS ~ Communities need bus service

Dear Editor,
Saskatchewan is again disappointed in hearing the federal government wants to close Regina airport. We have one day a week passenger train service, and Greyhound is gone. We have passenger and freight private carriers sometimes, but with no network or schedule and that causes lots of inconvenience.

The Saskatchewan Party has the foolish ideology that the private sector will solve our problems.

In our society some big projects such as hospitals, highways, transportation, etc. are too big for the private sector to handle and need money from public (taxpayer money) or have to be subsidized. Cities in Saskatchewan subsidize their transportation needs with taxpayer money.

Our seniors and small communities need better service and treatment than is offered today. STC made profits in handling freight, but had poor in-

come from passenger side. STC was destroyed by the Wall government.

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Report from the Legislature

Everyone is feeling the impact of COVID-19 on their families, livelihoods, and way of life. Together we have worked with medical professionals to reduce the impact, ensure health and safety, rebuild businesses, as well as promote job creation, growth, and investment.

After a year of adapting to all aspects of this global health challenge, we can take comfort in our vaccine rollout's effectiveness to date. I strongly encourage you to get the COVID-19 vaccine once it becomes available to you. If you have yet to receive the vaccine, please watch for regular updates on clinics and eligibility. When it's your time, you can book an appointment online at www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19-vaccine or by phone at 1-833-SASK-VAX (1-833-727-5829).

The Government of Saskatchewan has amended The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 2020 to allow for paid time off from work for an employee to get vaccinated



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for COVID-19. This new regulation comes into force immediately. Special Vaccination Leave is similar to provisions allowing residents to vote during a general election, allowing for:

- three consecutive hours leave during work hours to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, or
- more than three consecutive hours if the employer determines the circumstances warrant a longer break from work; and
- workers do not lose any pay or other benefits while receiving a COVID-19 vaccination.

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Recently the Government of Saskatchewan made amendments to public health measures, allowing households to create a bubble up to a maximum of ten individuals. These ten individuals should be from the same two or three households. In addition, worship services are now permitted to host up to 30 per cent capacity or 150 attendees, whichever is less.

The Regina area is the only exception, as extra precautions are required to address a higher number of COVID-19 and COVID variant cases. Residents are asked to assess their individual situations and consider not expanding their household bubble. They are also encouraged to limit travel to essential trips and be vigilant both at home and in the community.

You can learn about the current public health measures in Saskatchewan at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-measures.

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with reliable and sustainable infrastructure is a shared priority for both governments.

All levels of government continue to work together for the people of Saskatchewan to make strategic infrastructure investments. In Saskatchewan, these projects will provide better access to community amenities such as playgrounds and swimming pools, update sewage systems and ensure reliable, efficient water services.

Rural municipalities play a significant role in our plan to build a strong Saskatchewan. This new funding will ensure projects will be ready for this construction season to help build rural infrastructure while protecting and growing jobs across our province.

Our government has announced \$11.2 million in economic stimulus funds for the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth program. This funding boost will provide a head-start on getting projects approved for the 2021 construction season and will continue to



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assist RMs with the cost of construction and upgrading municipal roads, bridges and culverts to support growth. With the additional dollars, our government contributes more than \$39 million to the program in 2020-21.

This program is an important component of the province's plan to rebuild 100 roads over the next three years and 100 bridges over the next four years.

As always, our Constituency Office is here to assist you. Please contact us by phone or e-mail if you have questions or need help with government programs or services.



Diamond North Credit Union's

2021 Virtual Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:30 pm

The Annual General Meeting is open to the public and our members are encouraged to join.

Our Board and CEO will share the Annual Report and highlight our ongoing commitment to our members and communities.

The AGM provides our members an opportunity to engage with the Board and Executive Management.

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Saskatchewan vaccine plan enters Phase 2

It's full steam ahead for Saskatchewan's COVID-19 vaccination plan.

After a slow start, caused by delays in the vaccine supply chain, the government of Saskatchewan has announced the launch of Phase 2 of its vaccine delivery plan. The announcement comes well ahead of the province's initial expectation that Phase 2 wouldn't begin until sometime between April and June.

"The implementation of the online and telephone appointment booking system has enabled the rapid deployment of vaccinations across the province," Health Minister Paul Merriman said. "This move into Phase 2 is ahead of the anticipated schedule, but with the vaccine and the ability to move forward swiftly we do not want to delay. This achievement is great news for our residents and our province, as every vaccination delivered brings us one day closer to returning to normal."

With the launch of Phase 2, the government expanded vaccine appointment booking to residents 67 and over, and those who are considered "clinically extremely vulnerable." Phase 2 will also focus on delivering vaccines to select congregate living settings, such as group homes for persons with intellectual disabilities and emergency shelters.

While the eligibility categories have broadened into the Phase 2 recommendations, vaccinations and eligibility for individuals identified in Phase 1 will continue until completed. This includes completing all first and second doses for long-term care and personal care home residents and staff.

As more vaccine becomes available in the coming weeks, the government says clinics will be expanding across the province.

"We continue to be a leader in Canada at getting vaccines into arms quickly and safely," Saskatchewan Health Authority CEO Scott Livingstone said. "Achieving this milestone ahead of schedule is a reminder for us to celebrate and thank the health care workers who are working long hours to make this possible."

Individuals who may be considered clinically extremely vulnerable will receive a letter with instructions for booking appointments.

Meanwhile, anyone eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine as part of Phases 1 or 2 can go online to book an appointment at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-vaccine.

Those looking to book appointments will need a Saskatchewan health services card and an email or cell phone in order to receive notification reminders of the appointment. Those without email or cell phones can call

1-833-Sask-Vax (727-5829).

In hopes of encouraging Saskatchewan residents to make time to get vaccinated, the province has introduced special leave for vaccinations.

The leave, similar to provisions allowing residents to vote during a general election, entitles Saskatchewan residents to three consecutive hours of leave, or more, if the employer deems it necessary, to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

Under the framework of the leave, workers do not lose any pay or other benefits while being vaccinated.

"We want to ensure that everyone in the province gets vaccinated," Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan said.

Where it's all systems go for COVID-19 vaccines, the same can't be said of the ongoing public health orders.

After raising the limit on household gathering to 10 people from up to three households, and increasing capacity in places of worship to 30 per cent, or up to 150 people, the province is holding the line on the remaining measures until at least April 5.

Under these measures, casinos and bingo halls remain closed, while personal services, such as hairdressers and barbers, massage

therapists, and tattooists, are still limited to 50 per cent capacity. Restaurants and bars, meanwhile, are limited to seating four people per table and licensed establishments must stop selling alcohol at 10 p.m.

On the retail side, smaller stores must reduce their capacity to 50 per cent, and large retail locations, identified as stores with more than 20,000 square feet, are limited to 25 per cent capacity.

Event venues, conference facilities, arenas, arts venues, museums, movie and live theatres and banquet facilities may still have events up to 30 individuals. However, all guests must be seated for the duration, and food and drink are not permitted unless explicitly stated in the order.

Concurrent services may not occur within multiple locations in one facility.

Elsewhere, sports leagues and activities remain suspended, but those aged 18 and under may gather in groups of eight for practices, with a maximum of two coaches also in attendance.

Finally, visits to long-term care and personal homes are still suspended, except for compassionate reasons.

These restrictions will be reviewed on April 5, and eased, extended, or tightened depending on current COVID-19 transmission rates.

How to book your COVID-19 vaccine appointment when the timing is right

1. Check Your Eligibility

Saskatchewan's COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan is built on the foundation of age as the main risk factor. Vaccine rollout is starting with the oldest first, working down by age.

Only those eligible will be able to receive an appointment; if you are not yet eligible to receive a vaccine, you will be asked to visit again once you become eligible.

Visit saskatchewan.ca/COVID19-vaccine to find out who is eligible to get vaccinated.



2. Get Ready to Book

When you go online or call the Vaccine Booking Office, you'll be asked for your:

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- Health card number
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3. Book Online

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4. Booking Over The Phone

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AGRICULTURE

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Science is key to feeding the future

One of the issues for agriculture in the last few decades, is how to keep production on a finite amount of land ahead of the growing world population.

There are some rather obvious steps that could be taken of course.

The biggest would be a better distribution of world wealth to help the poorest countries afford food.

But the wealth distribution would also allow areas of the world capable of far high food production, if they had access to modern seed, production products, machinery and knowledge, access to funding to buy what is needed.

Along the same lines is a need to massively improve the distribution system of food grains.

Hauling grain destined to become flour in bags on the backs of oxen and burrows may be the most affordable method in poor countries, but it is hardly efficient.

The loss of food grains to infestations and rot are major prob-



CALVIN DANIELS

lems and again money to improve the system would be hugely impactful.

But the discussion of wealth distribution is one that simply is not high on anyone's agenda.

So the onus falls back on farmers, where technology is available, to stay ahead of the population curve.

The ability to continue to produce more can only come through better varieties, and a better understanding how to shepherd a crop from seeding to harvest in the best way to ensure production.

A big part of variety development moving forward will rely on new knowledge gained as scientists have

mapped the genome of various crops – canola perhaps being the most notable, and rye one of the most recent.

In fact, in the case of rye, the University of Saskatchewan was involved in the work, as part of an international team led by the IPK Leibniz Institute in Germany. Researchers succeeded in completely decoding the genome of rye, despite its large size and complexity.

While rye is a rather minor crop in Canada, much of it flowing to the liquor sector, what is grown is primarily on Saskatchewan and Manitoba farms.

Of course mapping a genome is only step one. You might have a guide to help you get where you want to go, but what will you do once you arrive?

That's where a story at www.producer.com is exciting. It talks about the combination of advanced computing and bioscience offering opportunities for all crops and a rapid path to higher yields.

"Work from an inter-

national private-public research consortium promises to bring improved canola varieties to farmers' fields in record time, thanks to the marriage of genom-

ics and artificial intelligence," relates the article.

Therein lies the best hope for feeding the future, not the specific project, but rather how

new science discoveries can be used together to do things far more quickly, speeding the potential varietal development farmers will need.

Nicoll wins March dessert of the month



The lucky winner of the Spiritwood Public Library's monthly fundraiser was Haley Nicoll, who took home a delicious treat made by Dana Doucette.

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Minutes of an RM of Spiritwood meeting

(Where necessary, the following minutes may have been edited for clarity or brevity)

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 was held on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2020 via web conferencing.

In attendance were Reeve Shirley Dauvin, Division 1 Larry Vaagen, Division 2 Al Steinhilber, Division 3 Terry Wingerter, Division 4 Dennis Laventure, Division 6 Bevra Fee, Administrator Colette Bussiere, and Foreman Darcy Laventure. Absent was Division 5 Jerome Tetreault.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Reeve, Shirley Dauvin.

Al Steinhilber: That the agenda be accepted as corrected.

Dennis Laventure: That Resolution No. 349/2020 -Weed Inspector Appointment, be rescinded. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the request to purchase one (1) extra hour for the Spiritwood Public Library for 2021 be approved. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That the Spiritwood Public Library's request for funding in the amount of \$1,100 be approved. Any future requests for funding shall be contingent on the submission of a work plan, a succession plan & application to the community grant program. Carried.

Councillor Bevra Fee to request a quote to facilitate a strategic planning session.

Larry Vaagen: That the bank reconciliation for the month ending Dec. 31, 2020 be accepted as presented. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That the List of Accounts

for Approval, hereby attached as Schedule A and forming part of these minutes be passed for payment. Cheque No. 12805-12858, Payroll File No. 310, 312 & 313, EFT Grader Lease Payment. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month ending Dec. 31, 2020 be approved as presented. Carried.

Larry Vaagen: That the SARM Fidelity Bond for 2021 be approved as follows: Fidelity Bond Coverage - \$ 200,000, Registered Mail Coverage - \$50,000, Money & Securities Coverage - \$20,000. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the SARM Property Self Insurance Plan Schedule be accepted as revised & presented. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: The Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 confirms the municipality meets the eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we approve the request to remove dead, dying & fallen trees & debris within the Public Walkway (ER5) and Environmental Reserve (ER4) in front of Parcel A Plan 101996567, also known as Angus Estates. In addition, the request to improve the shoreline shall consist of clay fill, geotextile cloth and rip rap rock as permitted under WSA regulations. The maximum allowable encroachment into the ER beyond the property boundary shall be no more than 3 metres. The applicant is solely responsible for all design, safety, and workmanship aspects associated with this approval and all work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Water Security Agency's Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That we approve the request for the re-

moval of dead, dying and fallen trees (woody vegetation) & debris within the Municipal Reserve (MR) in front Lot 9 & Lot 10/Blk 1 in The Cove. In addition, that we approve the placement of clay fill, geotextile cloth and rip rap rock on the MR in front of your lot for shoreline stabilization. The maximum allowable encroachment into the MR beyond the property boundary shall be no more than 3 metres. The applicant is solely responsible for all design, safety, and workmanship aspects associated with this approval and all work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Water Security Agency's Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried.

Bevra Fee: Council for the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 has approved an access path across Environmental Reserve (ER1) adjacent to Lot 5/Blk 2 in Green Jewel Estates. The access path shall be no greater than 2 metres in width and the removal of live mature trees and aquatic vegetation is prohibited. The applicant is solely responsible for all design, safety, and workmanship aspects associated with this approval and all work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Water Security Agency's Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That Bylaw No. 01-2021, being a Bylaw to Regulate the Proceedings of Municipal Council and Council's Committees, be read a first time. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That the request to remove Parcel No. 129131827 from Parcel No. 203803422 shall be approved, under the condition that Parcel No. 129131827 is retied to Parcel No. 203803411 and the intended use of Parcel No. 129131827 shall remain agriculture. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we agree to the Final Proof of Loss in the amount

of \$12,185.13 for the claim submitted to the SARM Property Self Insurance Program in the matter of the RM of Spiritwood Shop Break-in & Theft that occurred on June 16, 2020. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That we approve the development of a signed and maintained snowmobile trail as identified on the revised map and that we authorize the Administrator to sign the Land Use Permission Form. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we request the cancellation of lease agreements for non-payment of property taxes as per the attached list. Carried.

Larry Vaagen: That Wayne Reddekopp and Richard Urano be appointed to the Shell Lake Regional Fire Dept. for the 2021 calendar year. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That we enter into a Road Maintenance Agreement with Maurice Grimard to haul 1,680 tonne of timber from S 1/2 19-53-09-W3 on Grid No. 793 & Grid No. 946. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the employee salary recommendations for 2021 be accepted as presented by the HR Committee. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That Council remuneration remain the same and is as follows: Meeting Indemnity -\$20.00 per hour, Monthly Supervision-\$500/month (Reeve) &150/month (Councillors). Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That reimbursement for mileage remain at \$0.55/km. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That the regular meeting of Council be adjourned to move into an In-Camera session to discuss HR matters. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That the meeting be adjourned at 12:08 p.m. Carried.



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The successful candidate will report to the Board of Directors and be responsible for regular seasonal ground maintenance and for performing minor repairs. Basic working knowledge of carpentry, plumbing, heating, electrical, appliance repair and general maintenance is an asset. Must be able to perform manual labour and lifting tasks.

For further details, please contact Joan Dzialo at 306-230-8296. Please submit written resume and remuneration expectations by April 10, 2021 to:

Attention: Marlene Martens, Chairperson
 Rabbit Lake Housing Authority
 Box 128
 Rabbit Lake, SK S0M 2L0

COVID-19 Support for Business

If you have adapted your business to operate during the pandemic, spent money training staff, or if you have had to close or scale back due to an emergency order, you may be eligible for COVID-19 support from the province, **but deadlines are approaching soon.**

The Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment, Strong Recovery Adaptation Rebate, the Re-Open Saskatchewan Training Subsidy, and the Saskatchewan Tourism Sector Support Program are all in place to support businesses. If you have questions or require assistance accessing these programs, please contact my office.

Nadine Wilson
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saskrivers@sasktel.net

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Hon. Scott Moe, Premier
 MLA for Rosthern-Shellbrook
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PIHC Elder finds love, talent for painting

By Muriel Howrie

I'm quick to say, "I just love painting now!"

At first, before starting to paint, I would get all nervous and have butterflies in my stomach. Now, I just can't wait to get into it!

Some of the techniques are quite difficult, while others are easier. I have talked about various techniques with



Muriel Howrie takes part in an online learn to paint class.

Joan Sommerfeld, who provided volunteer instruction to a group of us prior to the pandemic, and that also helps. Encouragement from the Recreation Therapy team and care providers has boosted my self-esteem.

Being exposed to arts opportunities has given me the push I needed to step outside my comfort zone. So much so that I not only use supplies provided by the Arts Council and Sask. Lotteries Grant, but I have purchased some of my own canvasses and repurposed my family members' specialty paint brushes.

It's exciting that staff have bought some of my paintings, which helps me purchase more canvasses. Some of my paintings can be viewed in the halls and entrance to Continuing Care, while others adorn my room!

Who knows, maybe one day you can receive the same joy as I do while creating art!

Arts Council keeps PIHC elders painting

By Trina Chamberlain

The Shellbrook Arts Council, through Saskatchewan Lotteries – Community Arts, Recreation and Culture Grant, has once again presented \$500 towards Parkland Integrated Health Centre's Elder's Arts opportunities.

The funds have enabled residents to work on individualized seasonal art projects, geared towards their specific ability levels.

This act of kindness has also made it possible to replenish the acrylic paint supply, and purchase adapted paint brushes and various other arts supplies, which will keep the creativity flowing!

This support is crucial in enhancing the quality of life of the people who live in a care setting, and truly makes a difference.



Shellbrook Arts Council Member, Sylvia Jones, displays paintings completed by Muriel Howrie, who took her first on line virtual art class about a month ago. Howrie had never taken up the arts before, but now tries two to four on line "learn to" art classes each week.

Canwood Regional Park holds on-line auction

Submitted by Donna Lovberg

Like so many small town communities, we are trying to keep our Regional Park, organizations and halls operating through this pandemic.

We decided that because we had to cancel our Annual Supper and Auction Fundraiser for the Canwood Regional Park last year, we would have an on-line auction this March to sell off all the items that we left at the hall from our cancelled Auction last March.

The funds raised support our Park, and also the Canwood Elk's Community Hall and Canwood Bus Association for the Handi-Van this year.

The bidding on the Canwood Regional Park Facebook page started on Monday, March 8 and closed at 5 p.m. on March 14. The bidding began slow and steady, but on the weekend the bidding picked up considerably.

It was amazing that bids were placed from all over Saskatchewan, from places like Lloydminster, North

Battleford, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert areas. Many of these bids came from former Canwood residents, as well as our neighbours from Shellbrook, Debden, and Big River areas. They all joined together for fun and expectations of purchasing some of the various items.

Some of the items sold for way over the retail price, which made the folks that donated them last year feel good. It was so much fun to watch one "friend" outbid another. At the end of the bidding on Sunday eve-

ning, we realized a total of approximately \$17,000.

From the response we received from the people who donated, to the bidders on the items, the support given to this project was incredible.

As one person commented at the end of the evening, "So good to see all of the support given to one amazing small Saskatchewan town."



Canwood Regional Park, and other community endeavours in Canwood, will all benefit from \$17,000 raised through the Park's recent online auction.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Village of Canwood is accepting resumes for one full-time General Labourer summer student position.

The successful applicant will be required to work a minimum of 35 hours per week in the maintenance department with duties that may include:

Maintenance of municipal property in the village and cemetery, street repairs, operating and maintenance of municipal equipment, garbage collection, public relations, water and sewer operations, and various other tasks as assigned.

Additionally, this position may be funded by Canada Summer Jobs Program; and as such, the successful applicant must comply with the terms and conditions of Government of Canada Summer Jobs Agreement and the Village of Canwood employment contract and policies.

For more information on this position, please contact:

Erin Robertson, Administrator
(306) 468-2016

Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please send applications to:
Village of Canwood
Box 172

Canwood, SK S0J 0K0
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Closing date for applications is April 22, 2021



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TENDERS FOR GRASS CUTTING

Living Sky School Division No. 202 is inviting tenders for three grass cutting and trimming packages. These large tender packages are for a two-year term commencing the spring of 2021 to the fall of 2022. The tenders will cover the grass areas for the following communities:

- BATTLEFORD**
- CANDO**
- HAFFORD**
- MAYMONT**
- WILKIE**
- UNITY**
- LUSELAND**
- KERROBERT**
- MACKLIN**
- CUT KNIFE**

Full tender packages, with property layout maps outlining details, can be emailed or picked up at Living Sky School Division Office, 509 Pioneer Avenue, North Battleford, SK. Tenders are to be submitted in writing or by email by 2:00 p.m., April 1, 2021, to the attention of the Facilities Department, Living Sky School Division No. 202. No late tenders will be accepted.

For additional information please contact Brad Ferguson, Facilities Manager at (306) 937-7702 or by emailing brad.ferguson@lskysd.ca.

Minutes of a Town of Blaine Lake meeting

(Where necessary, the following minutes may have been edited for clarity or brevity)

Minutes of the regular meeting of the council of the Town of Blaine Lake held at the Blaine Lake Curling Rink Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 at 4 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Bev Breland at 4:02 p.m.

Attending: Deputy Mayor Bev Breland, Rodger Pederson, Darlene Harder, Melissa Johnson, Jennifer Gutknecht and Jason Weber and Administrator Brenda Lockhart.

Weber: Weber That the following items be added to the Agenda:

New Business: Preliminary Budget Meeting, Office Lap Top, Code of Ethics Bylaw, Purchasing Policy

Old Business: Procedure Bylaw

Correspondence: Chamber of Commerce Letter

And that the Agenda be approved as amended. Carried

Delegates: Russell Krysak, Maintenance Foreman attended - 4:04 p.m. to 4:23 p.m.

- Snow bucket has come and is installed – easier to use, especially now that they have started clearing the back alleys
- Curb stop repairs done. Water meter froze and broke as well and will need to be replaced once the trailer lines are done.
- Talked to body shop in Saskatoon about body rust repairs on the 2011 Chev. They indicated that it would be approximately \$3,500 and almost always body rust that will come back. That year and make seemed to have problems with rust, etc.

- Discussed water plant problems – main breaker box went. Has now been repaired and the surge protector part is being replaced. We are able to make water over the weekend with no further issues.

- Russ will get grader repair quote from Orion.

- Concerns with Snow Removal Policy start time of 5 a.m. and get through clearing Town as he will need to stop to do water tests. Council confirmed with Russ that main street was the focus and continue on till rest of town done.

Harder: That the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Jan. 25, 2021 be accepted as amended. Carried

Johnson: That the Financial Statement for January 2021 and the January 2021 Affinity & CIBC Bank Reconciliations be approved as presented. Carried

Pederson: That the December 2020 Affinity & CIBC Bank Reconciliation be approved as presented. Carried

Councillor Jason Weber declared Conflict of Interest with respect to the following resolution and left Council Chambers.

Pederson: That we agree to pay Weber's Excavating and Hauling in the amount of \$1,342.65 Cheque #1545. Carried

Gutknecht: That we agree to advertise for an Expression of Interest from contractors in regards to providing snow hauling, excavating, gravel hauling work for the Town of Blaine Lake. Carried

Councillor Jason Weber returned to Council Chambers.

Pederson: That Affinity Credit Union cheques numbered 1510 to 1564 and "Other (EFT)" payments Affinity and CIBC totaling \$236,272.66 be approved for payment and Cheque #1528 for \$45,590.48 be held for review. Carried

Weber: That the reports be accepted and filed. Carried

Councillor Jennifer Gutknecht declared Conflict of Interest with respect to the following resolution and left Council Chambers.

Pederson: That we agree to pay the Fire Department invoice #1105 in the amount \$660 and that a letter be sent to the rate payer advising amount must be paid within 30 days or it will be added to taxes. Carried

Weber: That we agree to write-off the Fire Department invoice #1091 in the amount \$448.01 as uncollectible. Carried

Councillor Jennifer Gutknecht returned to Council Chambers.

Weber: That we agree to adopt as Policy that we pay the Supervisor of the Transfer Station in the event the facility is closed due to temperatures below – 30 at 8 a.m. Carried

Gutknecht: That Deputy Mayor Bev Breland and Councillor Jason Weber, members of the Employee Relations Committee, meet with Maintenance Assistant Rudi Hamburg on March 8, 2021 at 1 p.m. for probationary period performance review. Carried

Gutknecht: That we agree to exclude from tax enforcement list those properties where arrears are less than half of the previous year's levy. Carried Unanimously

Harder: That we accept the 2020 List of Lands in Arrears as presented to Council. Carried

Johnson: That we hold a preliminary Budget Meeting on March 10, 2021 at 4 p.m. at the Blaine Lake Curling Rink. Carried

Pederson: That we agree to purchase a laptop for Administrator use inclusive of office software program to a maximum cost of \$1,000. Carried

Breland: That we review our Purchasing Policy at our next meeting of Council on March 15, 2021. Carried

Breland: That we accept the bid for \$2,000 for the 2005 Chev Truck. Carried

Pederson: That we adopt the Town of Blaine Lake Privacy Policy as presented. Carried

Gutknecht: That we agree to abate interest charges only, applied to [name omitted] tax account, in the amount of \$1,000 with the condition that all outstanding amounts be paid in full by April 1, 2021. Defeated

Weber: That we advise Kyle Onishenko that, following a review of past water usage, the Dec. 31, 2020 Utility bill based on an actual reading, appears to be accurate and that Council will allow 90 days with no interest applied to pay the \$838.91 bill. Carried

Councillor Melissa Johnson and Councillor Jason Weber declared Conflict of Interest with respect to the following resolution and left Council Chambers.

Pederson: That we advise the Chamber of Commerce that Council agrees to supporting their "Salute to Health Care Workers, RCMP, First Responders and Town Truck Drivers" event on March 17, 2021 by providing use of the Blaine Lake Curling Rink at no charge, donation of paper products for the burger lunch and advertising in newsletter and Town website. Carried

Councillor Melissa Johnson and Councillor Jason Weber returned to Council Chambers.

Gutknecht: That we make application to the SGI Grant Program. Carried

Weber: That this meeting adjourns. Carried

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPIRITWOOD: Wapiti Regional Library - Limited Capacity. Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm; Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm; Friday 9 am - 5 pm

LEOVILLE: Wapiti Regional Library - Appointment only. Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 2 pm

SHELL LAKE: Wapiti Regional Library - Curb Side Pickup. Tuesday 12 pm - 4 pm; Wednesday 12 pm - 4 pm

BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - Appointment only. Wednesday 11 am - 6 pm; Friday 11 am - 5 pm; Saturday 10 am - 4 pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.

BIG RIVER: Wapiti Library - Curb Side Pickup. Monday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Wednesday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Friday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Appointment only. Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 4 pm; Friday 12 pm - 4 pm. Call 306-468-2501 to book a slot.

DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Appointment only. Monday 2 pm - 7 pm; Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

LEASK: Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Limited Capacity. Tuesday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Friday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Saturday 1 pm - 4 pm

MARCELIN: Wapiti Library - Appointment only. Tuesday 2 pm - 7 pm; Thursday 2 pm - 8 pm; Saturday 9 am - 2 pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.

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Shell Lake - 2:00 p.m.
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LAKELAND

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Spiritwood
Sun., 11 am - Worship
Service & Sunday School

BELBUTTE FULL GOSPEL

11 am Worship Service
1st Sun., 7:30 pm
- Hymn Sing
Pastor Floyd Berg

COWBOY CHURCH

Spiritwood
Every Wednesday Night
7 pm
Spiritwood Legion Hall
Pastor Rick Martin

Leafs giving hope to long-suffering fans

Municipal planners in Toronto are getting an early start on arranging the Stanley Cup parade route, which will be held shortly after the Maple Leafs win their first National Hockey League title since 1967.

“We don’t want to get caught off guard,” said one of the organizers. “We want to give our long-suffering fans plenty of advance notice about where they will be able to view their hockey heroes go by.”

“We also expect Prime Minister Trudeau will want to have the Leaf team visit Parliament, and we expect he may want to give out a few Order of Canadas, too, depending on who scores the winning goal, etc.”

One day, the Leafs appear to be for real. The next, they look like the same ol’ Leafs that have endured a Stanley Cup drought since 1967.

Runaway leaders in the Scotia North Division, the Leafs got off to one of the best Western

road trip starts imaginable in late February and early March. They skated into Edmonton, playing the high-powered Oilers three times in four nights, and not only won all three, but they won them with a combined score of 13-1. Oh, by the way, coach Sheldon Keefe was without his best player, Auston Matthews, for the first two of those games, and used three different goaltenders — Jack Campbell in the opener; Michael Hutchinson in the middle game; and No. 1 goalie Frederik Andersen in the finale.

But when one sees Dr. Jekky, you know Mr. Hyde is not far behind.

Four losses in five games followed, two in Vancouver and two of three games at home vs. Winnipeg. Parade plans, however, continued unabated. If nothing else, Toronto fans are true believers.

Toronto is getting scoring from all four of its lines, but is led by Mitch



BRUCE PENTON

Marnier and Matthews, both rolling along at better than a point per game. John Tavares and William Nylander are also among the league leaders. Playing surprisingly effective roles are veterans Jason Spezza and Joe Thornton.

At one point, Toronto’s winning percentage was closing in on the .800 mark, considered either a) remarkable; or b) indicative of a weak division. Winnipeg, Edmonton and Montreal are also generally regarded as Stanley Cup contenders, so for the Leafs to dominate as they did through

the first half bodes well for the rest of the season and the playoffs.

The millions of Leafs’ fans across the country are starting to get giddy, thinking about the championship possibilities and for the first time in a long while, their enthusiasm has genuine merit. As for that parade, organizers say it’ll start on Yonge Street and work its way ...

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel, after Nets guard James Harden — who forced a trade out of Houston — said he hoped Rocket fans would show him ‘some love’ upon his recent return: “Yes, James, and I hope to have a pouffy head of hair like Bruno Mars, a sculpted physique like Dwayne ‘The Rock’ Johnson and the entrepreneurial skills of Jeff Bezos, but I don’t think it’s going to happen.”

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: “In honour of the (competitive curling season), the top five

curling rock acts: 5. Kiss; 4. Crowded House; 3. Ice-T; 2. The Jam; 1. The Rolling Stones.”

• Patti Dawn Swanson, aka the River City Renegade, on animal rights activists’ opposition to declaring rodeo to be Alberta’s national sport: “They figure if you’re going to pay homage to a bunch of big, dumb animals that work for no more than eight seconds a day, why not the Calgary Flames?”

• Rob Vanstone of the Regina Leader-Post, on Twitter, after it was announced the XFL, fronted by Dwayne (The Rock) Johnson, and the CFL were planning preliminary talks about a potential working arrangement: “Today’s news demonstrates that the CFL is caught between a Rock and a hard place.”

• Lou Brown, on Twitter, trying to analyze on-course woes of Rory McIlroy: “Rory needs to ditch his Peloton, his self-help reading list and his Trackman and

get back to his roots. Because right now, he looks like Hendrix trying to read sheet music.”

• Headline at the theonion.com: “Duke Basketball Attempts To Lure Bronny James By Offering To Help Family With Rent, Utilities”

• Headline at fark.com: “Texas Rangers to open Globe Death Field at full capacity of 40,000 for season opener.”

• Gary Bachman, via Facebook, on Russian bodybuilder Kirill ‘Pop-eye’ Tereshin facing a bunch of surgical repairs after injecting his arms with petroleum jelly to make his muscles bulge: “Wouldn’t it have been much safer just to eat lots of spinach?”

• Patti Dawn Swanson again, on the remarkably intact, first-century chariot unearthed in Italy: “Although they don’t know what to make of the Tom Brady rookie card stuck in the spokes.”

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Moe shares glimpse at upcoming provincial budget

Though the Sask. Party government isn’t scheduled to deliver its 2021-2022 budget until April 6, Premier Scott Moe recently offered hints of what it will contain at the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities’ annual convention.

Speaking to delegates via teleconference, Moe promised the budget will “protect, build, and grow,” with a total commitment of \$4 billion to the province’s COVID-19 response, including the current fiscal year’s spending.

The promises come as Saskatchewan grapples with budget deficit estimated at about \$2 billion, and has abandoned its commitment to deliver a balanced budget in four years, thanks in no small part to the economic toll of the pandemic.

Even still, Moe signalled that more money is on the way for key priorities, including the province’s pandemic-battered long-term care system.

This includes upholding previous commitments to build or renovate two long-term care homes, while hiring 300 more care aides across the system, including for an expanded home care program in rural areas.

“In the upcoming budget, we are going to announce a further commitment to add additional long-term care capacity in our province,” Moe said.

Elsewhere, Moe said his government will continue investing in roads, schools, and hospitals, while “making important and crucial investments that we require in health care” and other areas.

On this front, Moe announced two new measures: \$11.2 million in stimulus funds for rural roads, bridges and culverts, in addition to roughly \$28 million already available; and \$2 million over two years to expand channel clearing for rural municipalities.

Though Moe spoke at length about his government’s promised investments, he also reiterated its plans to bring “the fiscal house of this province back into order” as soon as it is able.

But he unequivocally rejected the idea of implementing service cuts to get there.

“People can rest assured that the services that they expect to be provided, in the way of health care, education and taking care of and assisting our community’s most vulnerable, will be in this budget,” he said. “Long-term care will

be one of the priorities of this government, as it has been.”

Speaking briefly on the agriculture sector, Moe told delegates it could see a boost in research spending and irrigation as well.

On the irrigation side, Moe committed to moving forward with the plan for the Lake Diefenbaker project, as well as the engineering and design work on \$4 billion in other irrigation infrastructure projects.

Calling agriculture research a “staple of the success of our agriculture industry,” Moe highlighted the \$300 million invested in research since 2007. He said this would continue.

“Year-after-year the research budget has increased because quite frankly we’re getting results and the impact of those results in this province is global,” he said.

Responding to Moe’s address to SARM, Sask. NDP leader Ryan Meili called on the premier to explain to voters the reasons why his government abandoned its promise to balance the budget in four years.

“Scott Moe’s continued refusal to own his own words is incredibly disrespect-

ful to the people of Saskatchewan,” Meili said in a statement.

“The fact is, a balanced budget by 2024 was a central Sask. Party campaign pledge that the premier repeated over and over,” he added. “And the fact that he’s now breaking that promise with no reasonable explanation is only further proof he can’t be trusted with what matters most to Saskatchewan people.”



Minutes of a Town of Spiritwood regular meeting

(Where necessary, the following minutes may have been edited for clarity or brevity)

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held via Sasktel Teleconference Call on Feb. 23, 2021 at 7 p.m.

In attendance were Mayor Gary von Holwede, Councillor Bryan Wingerter, Councillor George Pretli, Councillor Kiera Andres, Councillor James Bedi, Councillor Brad Nemish, Councillor Shannon Beaulac, Assistant Administrator Brenda Beaulac, and CAO Rhonda Saam.

A quorum being present, Mayor Gary von Holwede called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

George Pretli: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That the Accounts for Ratification, Cheque No. 31308 to 31312 and CAFT Payments #288 to 296 in the amount of \$11,427.47 be approved as presented. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 31313 to 31324 in the amount of \$6,189.81 be approved as presented. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That the Financial Statement for the month of January 2021 be approved as presented. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That the value of the rec

facility building be transferred to SARCS financials to offset the mortgage against the building, where as, currently the loan for the mortgage of the rec facility building is recorded in the SARCS financials and the value of the rec facility building is recorded in the Towns financials.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve Councillor Jim Bedi attend the virtual SAMA Annual General Meeting as a voting delegate on April 8, 2021, and Rhonda Saam attend the virtual SAMA administrator training session on April 7, 2021. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That we continue working with Associated Engineering for the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program for the project of two new sewage lift stations and approve their budget change for the project as presented. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

George Pretli: That the Transfer Site will not be open on scheduled days when the combined temperature and wind chill factor is below -35 C one hour prior to being open, according to Environment Canada Spiritwood and that a notice will be posted on social media. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we support and identify the following as priorities within the 2021-2022 RCMP Annual Performance Plan:

1. Traffic Safety - Speeding in a school

zone and within town limits, impaired drivers, intersections, illegal turning on main street, reckless driving.

2. Property Crime - Reduce the amount of theft, mischief and property damage in the community.

3. Drugs/Alcohol - Reduction of drug trafficking and drug use in our communities, as well as reduction of alcohol usage in public and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

4. Youth & Community Engagement - Visible presence/involvement of the RCMP within the community and with our youth, speak to the youth in regards to responsible driving.

And, that if new priorities arise during the year, we can reassess and change focus and direction at that time. Carried

Jim Bedi: That we do not approve adding extra handicapped parking areas to Main Street, but we do provide a temporary no parking sign for Prairie Community Endeavours Inc. to be used in the parking areas in front of 112 Main Street for duration of arrivals and pick-ups as required. Seconded by Kiera Andres. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we send Neil Gaboury to the Landscape Pesticide Applicator Course offered through

Great Plains College Warman Campus on April 6-9, 2021. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Shannon Beaulac: That this meeting be adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Seconded by Kiera Andres. Carried.



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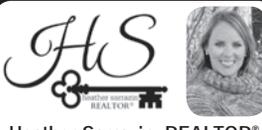


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