

Little Red Hens support area mothers

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

From picking out first clothes, to choosing a name, to coming home for the first time, the birth of a child is meant to be filled with excitement and joy, and provide a sense of purpose to prospective parents.

But there's more to parenthood than the big moments and milestones. In the day-to-day routine of feedings, diaper changes, and sleepless nights, parents can often find themselves feeling isolated and overwhelmed without adequate support and resources to lighten the burden.

Sarah Johnson, a mother of four from Canwood, understands these feelings as well as any parent.

When she became a mother for the first time, she was given a copy of Mary Mapes Dodge's fable *The Little Red Hen*. Upon reading it to her daughter, she began to cry because she felt the book was telling her story — a story of being expected to do all the work on her own and share all the fruits of her labour.

"It feels like the story of every new parent who realizes the option of saying 'Not I' is no longer available when a baby comes home," Johnson said. "I had that book on a shelf in my kitchen for years as a reminder that I could keep saying 'I will,' even if all by myself with an imaginary little red hen helping me."

Earlier this year, when she heard about an emergency situation involving a new parent who didn't have a vehicle, Johnson decided she wanted to do her part to build a sense of community and provide support for other local and area parents.

Turning to friend and fellow mother Tani Hamborg to brainstorm ideas, Johnson once again found herself thinking of *The Little Red Hen* and her own experiences as a mother. In particular, she was reminded of a time when she was given a box of diapers as a gift shortly after having her third child, and the joy and relief she felt from the small but immensely thoughtful gesture.

With this moment of kindness in mind, Johnson and Hamborg decided they would embody the "I will" attitude of the Little Red Hen by launching Little Red Hens, a monthly delivery service that provides a box of diapers, wipes, and diaper cream to subscribed parents. The service functions entirely on donations, with donors sponsoring bundles for parents, and currently serves moms in the Canwood, Debden, Shellbrook, Shell Lake, and Parkside areas.

"At first, we thought about delivering new baby bundles at the hospital, but



Elisha Johnson, 12, drew the logo for Little Red Hens. Here, she's pictured with her mother, Sarah Johnson.

that is the time when people and supports are available and those first baby items are actually really fun to pick out and buy yourself," Johnson said.

"We wanted something that is consistent and long term for when the day-to-

day little things start to add up, something mundane and easily overlooked that could be turned around to be a life-giver."

The idea of monthly diaper bundles was met with enthusiasm from every-

one Johnson and Hamborg mentioned it to. But, like any worthwhile initiative, the idea was just the beginning of the work to get Little Red Hens up and running.

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Once the name and the mission statement were in place, Johnson and her 12-year-old daughter, Elisha, sketched out a few logos, eventually settling on Elisha's design. Up next was the website for Little Red Hens and a launch video for social media platforms, as well as efforts to introduce the idea locally through community spaces, like churches and healthcare workers in the region.

On the business side of things, there were grant applications, registering as a Saskatchewan Charitable Non-Profit (under the name Untroubled Parenting (UP Inc., leaving the door open to future projects beyond Little Red Hens), setting up a board of directors, opening bank accounts, and applying for grants.

Johnson says the website and the video were a hit, and support and donations started pouring in the same day they went live. Within the first month, Johnson and Hamborg were already

planning their first delivery route — appropriately, just in time for Mother's Day.

"Parenting requires more flexibility and endurance than any career path or athletic event, and marathons have supply stations set up along the way to make sure that the athlete's energy and morale make it through the event," Johnson said.

Calling Little Red Hens the "smallest first step" she and Hamborg could take to make a difference in their community, Johnson says she'd like to see more parent-oriented resources made available to complement the existing wealth of child and early development resources and programs.

Though they are crucial, she says existing child-oriented programs require extra work on the part of parents. For those who may be experiencing prenatal or postpartum depression, or other health and mental health challenges, this can be a barrier to entry.

"When you are in survival mode, extra-curricular activities are often the first thing to get cut out," Johnson said. "We've tried to model Little Red Hens to take some of the load off parents and put no pressure on them."

Johnson says she'd also like to see greater supports within the healthcare system, including coverage for pre and postnatal pelvic floor physiotherapy and better hormone panels beyond the quick mental health questionnaire at expecting mothers' six week check-ups. Additionally, she believes better public education could help create a culture in which giving and receiving help is normalized and not stigmatized.

While she acknowledges that these are big dreams, Johnson says the most impactful changes can come from a more holistic approach that recognizes both the challenges and the rewards of parenting by "supporting and cheer-leading every stage of parenting just as much as we support the child."

To her, this means simple things like smiling at parents or making nice comments about their children. These small, kind gestures, she says, are free to give but priceless to those who receive them.

Looking to the future beyond Little Red Hens, Johnson jokes that she's often toyed with the idea of establishing safe sleep sites, which would allow parents to catch up on sleep while their children are looked after by qualified caregivers. (This, too, is inspired by her own parenting experiences with her "adopted mom" in Canwood, who has always allowed her to show up at any time, hand off her kids, and go nap in her guest room.)

Though this may never come to pass, Johnson hopes Little Red Hens will contribute to a sense of community, and improve parental health and mental health in the area.

"The best child development program is healthy parents," she said.

Shell Lake seniors celebrate birthdays, anniversaries

By DAVID JENSEN
Shell Lake Fifty Plus Club

Twenty members of the Shell Lake Fifty Plus Club gathered on Monday, May 22, to celebrate anniversaries and birthdays which occur during the months of May and June. On this occasion we also gathered to honour one particular member who, during this year, will be having her 90th birthday.

As we have in past years, our club has been granting honorary life memberships for members who will be or have already turned 90. This year we are honouring Peggy Dafoe, who will turn 90 in November. Janice Delisle presented Peggy with a decorated cake and her honorary life membership certificate. The cake was made and decorated by the ever-talented Sherry Garand.

The birthday and anniversary people then gathered at one table for pictures and cake. After singing Happy Birthday and Anniversary, a multi layered cake made by Anita Weiers and tea or coffee were served by Sandra Lang, Sylvia Jensen, and Peggy

Grandberg.

The evening's entertainment was visiting while watching and commenting on how well the two old pool players play 8 Ball. They did a lot of shooting



Peggy Dafoe was presented with a cake and an honorary life membership for the Shell Lake Fifty Plus Club in celebration of her upcoming 90th birthday.

and made the game last much longer than needed. The game was won by Harvey Heckle when his opponent (yours truly) scratched on the 8 ball.


I guess more practice would be beneficial.



Shell Lake Fifty Plus Club birthday and anniversary celebrants. Back row, left to right: David Jensen, Gary Taylor, Harvey Heckle, and Joe Delisle. Front row left to right: Anita Weiers, Jerri Olsen, Nell Heckle, and Janice Delisle.

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Walk For Dog Guides enjoys good weather

By **BEVRA FEE**
*Spiritwood
Correspondent*

The Spiritwood & District Lions Club has hosted its annual event in all kinds of weather – rain, snow, sun – but Sunday, May 28, was ideal for the Pet Valu Walk For Dog Guides. The 2023 walk was the 17th hosted in Spiritwood, and Lion George Pretli announced that, including this year’s \$3,175.25, the Club has raised a grand total a little in excess of \$41,000.

Funds raised from the national event are earmarked by the Lions Foundation of Canada to “fulfill their mission of empowering Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence by providing Dog Guides at no cost the them.”

The project lead for the Walk for Dog Guides was Lion George Pretli, who welcomed all two-legged and four-legged walkers to the starting point at the Spirit-

wood Legion Hall. Lion George acknowledged all the participants for gathering pledges and raising funds, and sent everyone off with plenty of water to follow Lion Bryan Ferguson as he marshalled the route.

Upon returning to the hall, awards were dispatched to dogs and walkers including oldest, youngest, smallest, largest, and most money raised. With ages of walkers ranging from

(almost) two years old to 76, the participants spanned everywhere in between.

Lion George highlighted, for instance, that 22-year old Bailey Hiebert has been at every one of the annual Walks held in Spiritwood.

In addition to raising funds for a good cause, participants were also eligible to win gift baskets and other prizes, which were sponsored by local businesses.



A water break along the route. From left to right: Sharon Goller (in her 14th Walk as Clown), Karen Booth, and Marjie Fast with Hodi.



From left to right: Bailey Hiebert, Bonnie Hiebert, and Brantley.



From left to right: Marjie Fast and Hodi register with Lions Marg Pretli, George Pretli, and Sonja Nielsen.

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LOT 15-BLK/PAR 23-PLAN CM4311 EXT 0	153255810	1,601.54	445.00	2,046.54
LOT 13-BLK/PAR 25-PLAN CR285 EXT 0	138948575	1,503.35	445.00	1,948.35
LOT 8-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN M2393 EXT 0	154426361	1,758.12	445.00	2,203.12
LOT 9-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN M2393 EXT 0	154426473			
LOT 2-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN Q508 EXT 0	145639626	1,850.40	445.00	2,295.40
LOT 7-BLK/PAR 4-PLAN Q508 EXT 0	139058860	1,465.40	445.00	1,910.40
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LOT 9-BLK/PAR 44-PLAN 101306382 EXT 0	135867460	5,628.84	445.00	6,073.84
LOT 10-BLK/PAR 44-PLAN 101306382 EXT 0	135867493			
LOT 3-BLK/PAR W-PLAN 101846763 EXT 0	147090472	5,057.40	445.00	5,502.40
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CONDO PLAN 102303447 EXT 0, UNIT 7	152257271	2,289.62	361.00	2,650.62
CONDO PLAN 102303447 EXT 0, UNIT 8	152257282	2,289.63	361.00	2,650.63
CONDO PLAN 102303447 EXT 0, UNIT 9	152257293	2,289.76	361.00	2,650.76
CONDO PLAN 102303447 EXT 0, UNIT 11	152257327	2,288.95	361.00	2,649.95
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Dated this 24th day of May, 2023
Kelly Hoare, Administrator

China interference report marred by partisanship

The show's over folks. Go home.

This, it seems, would be a fitting introduction to former Governor General David Johnston's report on his investigation into Chinese interference in Canada's democracy.

As the special rapporteur appointed by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to head the investigation, Mr. Johnston delivered the report – while appealing for calm and reason – knowing his conclusions would be controversial, even met with outrage.

The dedicated partisans in Parliament certainly responded as expected to his conclusion that, in his estimation, there is no evidence to prove Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government allowed or tolerated foreign interference.

This said, Mr. Johnston did still find reason to believe “foreign states are actively bent on interfering with Canadian politics.” In the case of the allegations of Chinese interference that prompted his investigation, however, he said some of the intelligence gathered by Canada's security agencies has been “misconstrued” in media reports, leading to “unsubstantiated speculation” and “inaccurate connections being drawn.” And in a couple of instances, Mr. Johnston adds, the reporting was simply wrong.

Calling the leak of sensitive secret information “destructive and dangerous,” Mr. Johnston also urgently called for the public servant who leaked the intelligence documents and caused this whole kerfuffle to be identified.

Though this may seem like a vindication of Mr. Trudeau and his government, Mr. Johnston's findings include a recommendation to make “significant improvements” to the machinery of government so intelligence information flows to government officials in an organized and efficient manner. Mr. Johnston also condemned the partisanship and lack of seriousness demonstrated by all parties.

“I fear that the way that this story unfolded has led elected officials to engage with it in an excessively partisan way, which harms the confidence Canadians have in their institutions,” he says. “There has been too much posturing, and ignoring facts in favour of slogans, from all parties.”

Despite all this, Mr. Johnston stopped



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short of calling for the public inquiry many had been demanding, calling the exercise costly, time-consuming, and ultimately a waste of time (because much of the secret intelligence he pored over “can't be made public”).

Instead, Mr. Johnston will hold public hearings into the foreign interference allegations and the larger issues raised by them. His final report on these hearings will be released in October.

In addition to the initial report he released last week, Mr. Johnston also prepared a classified annex, which explains his conclusions in greater detail with reference to the relevant intelligence documents.

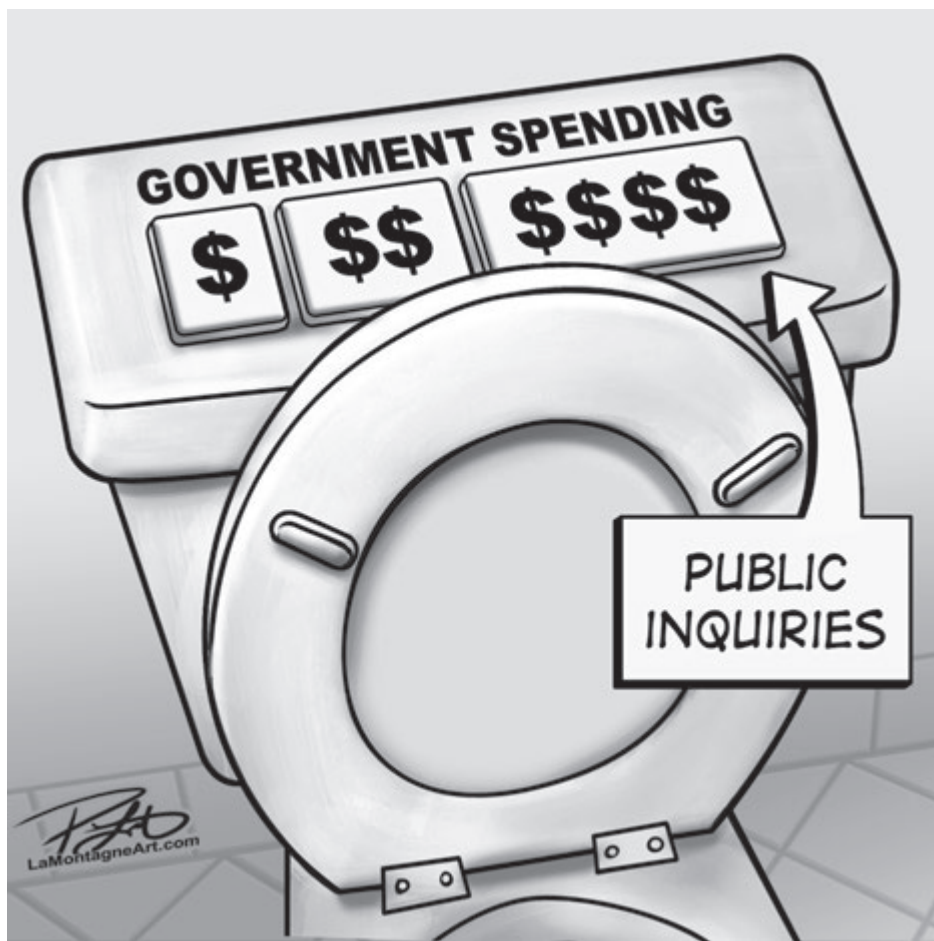
This document will be shared with the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians (composed of MPs and senators) and the National Security and Intelligence Review Agency (an independent expert review body). These organizations will review Johnston's findings, and report on whether they agree with them.

As part of this process, Mr. Johnston is recommending that opposition leaders be given clearance to review the annex as well, so they can better understand how he reached his conclusions.

For those who aren't sure of how we even got here, secret and top-secret Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) documents highlighting the “sophisticated and aggressive strategy” employed by China to meddle in the 2019 and 2021 federal elections were leaked back in February.

Drawn from a series of CSIS intelligence-gathering operations, the documents reportedly illustrated how an orchestrated machine was operating in Canada with two primary aims: to ensure that a minority Liberal government was returned in 2021, and that certain Conservative candidates identified by China were defeated.

The documents, which have been shared among senior government officials and Canada's intelligence allies, say China was “pressuring its consulates to create strategies to leverage politically [active] Chinese community members and associations within Canadian society,” and that it “uses Canadian organizations to advocate on their behalf while obfuscating links to the People's Republic of China.”



In early May, Conservative MP Michael Chong was revealed as one of China's targets, and Chinese diplomat Zhao Wei was expelled from Canada and declared persona non grata for his alleged role in efforts to gather information on Mr. Chong's family in Hong Kong in 2021.

At the time, it was suggested that Mr. Trudeau had been briefed on China's intimidation efforts. Naturally, Mr. Trudeau vehemently denied the intelligence was shared with him and his cabinet, but pledged to “compel” CSIS to share intelligence about threats to MPs going forward.

Despite the emergence of this of intelligence, the Security and Intelligence Threats to Elections (SITE) Task Force set up by Mr. Trudeau's government to monitor threats to federal elections never issued any public warning about foreign interference during the 2019 or 2021 campaigns.

Additionally, CSIS Director David Vigneault reportedly told Mr. Trudeau that there was “no indication that China's interference efforts had helped elect any of them.”

As has been his way since he took office in 2015, Mr. Trudeau has steadfastly resisted calls from the opposition parties to launch a public inquiry into the matter, instead choosing to appoint Mr. Johnston as special rapporteur and bringing us to last week's contentious report.

But like the Emergencies Act inquiry before it, the investigation into Chinese

interference was met with vociferous objections from all those who were never going to accept anything less than incontrovertible proof of Mr. Trudeau's guilt.

Just take the reaction of Conservative Party Leader Pierre Poilievre, who has questioned Mr. Johnston's objectivity from the beginning and is refusing to even be briefed on the intelligence that was reviewed.

“As for any proposals he may have to silence me, the answer is no — I will not be silenced,” Mr. Poilievre said during his press conference to discuss Mr. Trudeau's “coverup of Beijing's interference.”

Mr. Poilievre alleges the briefing amounts to being silenced because he wouldn't be able to hold the government accountable by talking about anything he learned publicly.

But his being briefed or not doesn't affect what the public knows or doesn't know. It simply means he's making allegations without any evidence to support them, and choosing to be ignorant on an issue that is of paramount importance to Canada's security (and Bloc Québécois leader Yves-François Blanchet is taking the same approach).

So, there you have it. On one hand, we have a prime minister who is unwilling to be questioned. On the other, we have opposition leaders who are unwilling to be given answers they don't agree with.

If these are the people leading our government, it's no small wonder our democracy is in danger.

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Saskatchewan needs to keep cutting taxes

By GAGE HAUBRICH
CTF Prairie Director

If you ask someone in Calgary where they are from, you'll probably hear one answer more than you'd think: Saskatchewan.

For years, thousands of Saskatchewanians who were not tied down by a farm, and even some who were, picked up and moved west to Alberta. Jobs were more plentiful, the mountains were a nice bonus and provincial tax collectors took much less out of your pocket.

The government of Saskatchewan has been working for years to change that last one. Finance Minister Donna Harpauer recently stood up in the provincial legislature to call attention to the government's history of income tax cuts.

Harpauer highlighted the fact that, in 2007, a Saskatchewan family of four making \$75,000 would pay \$5,015 in income tax. Today, that same family is paying \$1,891.

The difference comes from years of income tax cuts. In 2008 and 2011, the government increased the basic personal amount. That means that you could earn more money without getting hit by provincial income taxes. In 2017, the government reduced each tax bracket by half a percentage point.

And the government got rid of bracket creep in 2021. Bracket creep happens when the government fails to change its tax brackets with inflation. That means you could be bumped into a

higher tax bracket by inflation despite not being able to afford anything extra. The government is now indexing tax brackets to inflation every year.

In total, the cuts add up to more than \$3,000 in reductions on a family's income tax bill. It's money that can be used for six months of groceries, the downpayment on a used Honda Civic or a couple of mortgage payments.

The government has meaningfully reduced our income tax bills. But we're still falling behind on sales, and business tax competitiveness.

Total provincial taxes will cost a Saskatchewan family \$4,123 this year. If they lived in Alberta, they would pay \$2,603. That's because while the income tax paid is lower in Saskatchewan, Saskatchewanians pay more in sales tax.

In 2007, that same Saskatchewan family of four paid \$1,081 through the provincial sales tax. Today, they pay \$1,932. That's because the government continues to jack up its PST.

In 2017, the government raised the PST from five to six per cent and removed exemptions for used cars, restaurant meals and children's clothes. In October 2022, Premier Scott Moe started charging the PST on sports games, concerts, trade shows, fairs, rodeos and movie theatres. That means Moe is charging you more to cheer on the Riders.

Contrast this with Alberta, which doesn't have a PST. During the Christmas holi-

days, every Albertan family saved about \$80 on gifts because the Alberta government doesn't impose a PST.

Alberta also edges out Saskatchewan on business taxes. Alberta's business income tax is eight per cent. Saskatchewan's is 12 per cent.

That's a problem. When businesses look to expand and create jobs, they look for low taxes. These are businesses that are less likely to look at Saskatchewan.

Other provincial governments have been providing significant tax relief.

Alberta, Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador all recently cut gas taxes. Manitoba, Quebec and New Brunswick all recently cut income taxes.

Premier Danielle Smith in Alberta is promising to go even further. Smith says she will cut income taxes and expand the taxpayer protection to prevent future tax hikes

without a referendum if her United Conservatives are re-elected.

While six other provincial governments are cutting taxes to make life more affordable for taxpayers and increase competitiveness, Moe's recent budget didn't provide any relief for Saskatchewan taxpayers.

From 1997 to 2007, Saskatchewan's population declined by over 20,000. Since then, the province's popula-

tion has grown by 219,000.

The government of Saskatchewan has done good work cutting income taxes and making the province more attractive to job seekers. But as other provincial governments also cut taxes and become more competitive, more work needs to be done.

Saskatchewan has come a long way, but if its government isn't careful, it might fall behind.

Dagenais pulls Lucky 7, Mykietiak draws ace of spades



After weeks of draws with no winner, Matthew Dagenais (right) pulled the Lucky 7 at the Shellbrook Curling Rink lounge on Friday, May 19, winning a massive pot of \$37,652.50. Here, he accepts the cheque from Gayle Draper.



On Friday, May 12, Carol Mykietiak (left) received a phone call to inform her that her name had been selected to draw in Spiritwood's Chase the Ace. She drew the coveted ace of spades, winning a jackpot of \$13,428. Here, she accepts the cheque from Sue Kahl.

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TOWN OF BIG RIVER PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Big River intends to adopt a bylaw pursuant to Section 207 of *The Planning and Development Act*, 2007 to amend Bylaw No. 2015-01, known as the Official Community Plan and Bylaw No. 2015-02, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT
The proposed bylaws will amend:
Bylaw No. 2015-01, the Official Community Plan and Bylaw No. 2015-02, the Zoning Bylaw Zoning District Map, to rezone Lot 23 Block 9, Plan BS4857, as shown within the bold dashed line on the map below, from R1 - Low Density Residential District to C1 - Core Mixed Commercial District.

AFFECTED LAND
The affected land is legally described as Lot 23, Block 9, Plan BS4857, which is located at 115 4th Avenue South as shown within the bold dashed line on the following map.

REASON
The reason for the amendment is to regulate and encourage commercial development in the Town core.

PUBLIC INSPECTION
Any person may inspect the bylaws at the Town Office in Big River on any judicial day from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Copies are available to persons at a cost of \$1.00 each.

PUBLIC HEARING
Council will hold a public hearing on June 12th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Big River Community Centre, 606 1st Street North, in Big River, Saskatchewan to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing (or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing).

Issued at Big River this 25th day of May, 2023.
Noreen Olsen, Administrator

The Lighthouse wraps up with fun day

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

After a four-year hiatus, the Pine Derby Car Grand Prix raced through St. John’s Lutheran Church in Shellbrook for the second time as the church held its year-end carnival day for its children’s program on Sunday, May 28.

Called The Lighthouse, the weekly program was first introduced at St. John’s Lutheran by Pastor Emmanuel Aristide and his wife, Adrianna, in 2018.

The program is an interdenominational, multi-community faith group focused on introducing kids to the teachings of the Bible in a more informal set-

ting, which includes scripture lessons and prayer, arts and crafts, and fun activities.

“My wife Adrianna and I were chatting with one of our young parishioners in town, and he asked, ‘What is available for us kids in this community other than sports?’” Pastor Emmanuel said of the inspiration for The Lighthouse.

“Not everyone is gifted with athletics. And when I moved here in 2017, there was nothing available for kids on a weekly basis from a church perspective.”

From its humble beginnings with just five children in 2018, The Lighthouse grew quickly to 50 children registered and 30 regular attendees in 2019, with the children split into

two groups: Kindergarten to Grade 6 and Grade 7 to Grade 12.

But just when it was beginning to shine bright, the COVID-19 pandemic dimmed The Lighthouse’s glow.

“COVID put a huge setback on everything,” Pastor Emmanuel said, noting that St. John’s Lutheran only weathered the pandemic by maintaining an online presence, allowing its congregation to grow rather than shrink.

Now, with life back to normal, The Lighthouse is gradually rebuilding and focusing exclusively on children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 (older children tend to be too busy with other activities throughout the year, Pastor Emmanuel says), with about 20 kids registered in the program.

The year-end carnival day, which included a bouncy castle, carnival-style games, face painting, treats, and the Pine Derby Car Grand Prix, marked the end of this year’s program. It was a way to reward the children for their dedication to their faith, but also an invitation for all children to come and have a day of fun and prizes.

For those who regularly attended The Lighthouse and memorized their Bible verses, however, the special reward was a pine derby car of their own to customize and race in the grand prix.

The Pine Derby Car Grand Prix offers prizes for both design and



Twins Tiago and Tomas Cruz face off against each other in the semi-finals of the Lighthouse’s second annual Pine Derby Car Grand Prix.



The racers in the Lighthouse’s second annual Pine Derby Car Grand Prix with their well-earned prizes.

speed, and this year’s design winner was Hannah Aristide, followed by Tiago Cruz in second and Tomas Cruz in third.

Meanwhile, on the 40-foot race track, Tiago Cruz was the fastest racer, with Keena Holcomb placing second and Tomas Cruz finishing third.



The bouncy castle was setup in the parking lot of St. John’s Lutheran Church, and the kids had plenty of bouncy fun.

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For more information on the project or to view, please call Cecile at 306-468-7797 or Raymond at 306-468-7117 or visit the Community Centre Monday to Thursday 8am to 4pm.

Tenders must be received by 4pm, June 8, 2023. Please mail tenders to Debden Community Centre Box 337, Debden, Sask. S0J 0S0 or deliver to: 204 2nd Ave East, Debden, to the Comite Culturel office – open Monday to Thursday from 8am to 4pm, or email: ccfdeb@sasktel.net

Successful bidder will be notified by phone, no later than June 13, 2023. Successful bidder will have to provide: proof of Workman Compensation Board coverage, proof of Public Liability Insurance and proof of a Municipal Business License.

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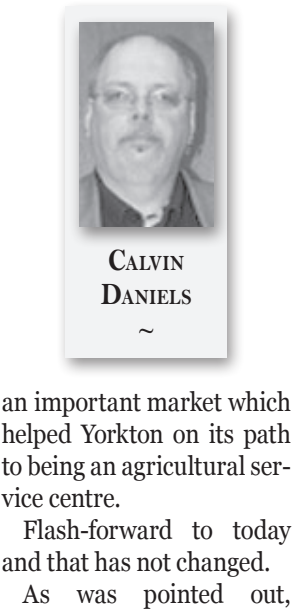
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Sask still driven by agriculture

For anyone who pauses for even a couple of minutes to reflect on what drives Saskatchewan, the answer is quite obviously agriculture. The same is largely true for the rest of the Prairies too. Yes, today the economies are more diverse, oil and gas, and potash being examples, but take away agriculture and the region would be a mere shadow of what it is today. In that regard, it was interesting to attend a recent Arbor Week event held at the old brick mill location in Yorkton. During the event, it was noted how the mill was once a hub of activity locally. Farmers would bring wheat in and take home flour, and the time spent at the mill made it a place to share stories and create friendships. The rather unassuming box-like building which has stood for decades hardly looks like it could have been so integral to the early days of Yorkton, but it was. People populated the area to farm, and a flour mill was



the city is very much a farm-service hub, albeit more diverse than a wheat flour mill. We know the importance of canola crushing in the city, and how major expansions to both the Richardson and Louis Dreyfus crush facilities are impacting the local economy in a major way through construction jobs and ultimate new plant jobs. “We’re ecstatic,” said Yorkton Mayor Mitch Hipsley regarding the LDC expansion announcement. Hipsley said the city will get a short-term construction boost and then long-term jobs when completed. “It will add all kinds of new lifeblood to the city,” he said, adding construction will be a two-to-three-year process and that means construction crews spending dollars while in Yorkton. But canola is just one facet of the processing done locally, with oat processing, flax crushing, and meat processing all contributing in a major way to the city. Then of course, are the implement dealerships, and fertilizer distributors, and other businesses which exist only to serve farm customers. Yorkton is certainly not unique in being a farm service hub community, but it is a very obvious example of how agriculture is critical in terms of business development in the province. It is simply the province remaining farm-based at its core, and communities reaping the benefit as businesses develop to serve the ag sector. It has been that way for more than a century and will no doubt remain so for decades to come.

Crop Report: May 16 to 22

Producers across Saskatchewan continue to make tremendous progress with their seeding operations. Currently, 68 per cent of the 2023 crop in the ground. This is still behind the five-year average of 76 per cent, but it is a very good sign that many producers in the western half of the province have wrapped up seeding or are only a few days away from finishing. Some producers would like to see some rain to ensure their crop has the moisture needed to emerge evenly and not be held back by dry conditions. Producers in the northwest are almost done seeding with 84 per cent of their crop now in the ground followed by the west central with 81 per cent, the northeast with 76 per cent, the southwest with 73 per cent, the east-central with 58 and the southeast with 51 per cent. Producers in the southeast and east-central are still struggling with excess moisture hindering field operations. There were small to moderate rain showers across the province over the week with close to an inch falling in some areas. The Rosetown and Livelong areas received 21 mm, the Kenaston area 15 mm, the Hafford and Hazenmore areas 10 mm, while other parts of the province received anywhere from one to eight mm. For the most part, the rain was not enough to relieve the dry conditions that some producers are facing. This issue is greatest in the west central region where topsoil moisture has quickly dropped after weeks of minimal precipitation. After another warm, windy week, topsoil moisture ratings have continued to drop in many regions. Province wide, crop land topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 63 per cent adequate, 29 per cent short and six per cent very short. Hay and pastureland is rated as 59 per cent adequate, 31 per cent short and 10 per cent very short. The driest regions are the northwest, west-central and southwest, where some producers are worried their newly emerging crop will not have enough moisture to make it through the heat of July without a good soaking of rain. Pasture conditions have improved this year from previous years due to some late spring storms bringing much needed moisture. Overall provincial pasture conditions are rated as six per cent excellent, 45 per cent good, 29 per cent fair, 14 per cent poor and six per cent very poor. Livestock producers are happy to see their pastures green up and improve after two challenging years in many parts of the province. More livestock producers will be moving the remainder of their cow-calf pairs out to pasture as they wrap up seeding operations. Early seeded crops have emerged and are looking good across the province. Producers are reporting that crop development is around 70 per cent normal for spring cereals, oilseed, and pulses. In parts of the west-central and northwest, some are behind in development due to dry growing conditions, while in the southeast and east-central crops are delayed due to the excessive moisture conditions. Most of the crop damage this week was due to minor flooding, light frosts, drought conditions and flea beetles. Some producers have reported short term delays in seeding due to an inability to access phosphate fertilizer. However, as supply increases, they have been able to proceed with seeding as planned. Now that seeding has wrapped up for some producers, they will be busy conducting their

infield herbicide applications, as well as scouting for pests that pose a risk to their crops. With the dry conditions, producers are reminded to stay vigilant about fire risk and to have fire prevention equipment at the ready. Stress is high this time of year and producers are reminded to take safety precautions in all the work they do. The Farm Stress Line can help if you are managing farm difficulties by providing support for producers, Toll Free at 1-800-667-4442. A complete, printable version of the Crop Report is available online at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/crop-report>

NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Councils of the Village of Canwood and the Village of Debden intend to consider the adoption of bylaws under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*. Each municipality intends to adopt a new Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT / ZONING DISTRICT OBJECTIVES – VILLAGE OF CANWOOD

R – Residential District: To provide for residential development in the form of single detached dwellings and other compatible uses.

B – Business District: To facilitate a range of commercial and other compatible uses.

CS – Community Service District: To establish and preserve areas for public recreation and open space.

I – Industrial District: To provide for development in the form of a range of industrial and other compatible uses.

FUD – Future Urban Development District: To provide for interim land uses where the future use of the land or the timing of development is uncertain due to issues of servicing, transitional use or market demand.

INTENT / ZONING DISTRICT OBJECTIVES – VILLAGE OF DEBDEN

R1 – Residential District: To provide for residential development in the form of single detached dwellings and other compatible uses.

CS – Community Service District: To establish and preserve areas for public recreation and open space.

C1 – Village Commercial District: To facilitate a range of commercial and other compatible uses.

C2 – Highway Commercial District: To facilitate a range of commercial and other compatible uses.

FUD – Future Urban Development District: To provide for interim land uses where the future use of the land or the timing of development is uncertain due to issues of servicing, transitional use or market demand.

The proposed Zoning Bylaw also contains updated and new general provisions that apply to development throughout each Village. Updated and new provisions include:

- development permit requirements, application fees and application process;
- regulations for fences; accessory buildings and structures; off-street parking and loading; signs; home-based businesses; adult day care facilities; residential care facilities; custodial care facilities; bed & breakfast homes; day care centres and preschools; family child care homes; dwelling groups; garden and garage suites; above ground fuel storage tanks; manufactured homes; gas bars; service stations; parking lots; fabric covered structures; and salvage and auto wrecking yards.
- regulations for development on or near hazard lands;
- regulations for landscaping; and

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AFFECTED LAND
All land within the corporate limits of Village of Canwood and the Village of Debden as shown on the Zoning District Map contained in this notice, is affected by the new Zoning Bylaw.

REASON
The new Zoning Bylaw will help direct and manage growth and development in the Villages.

PUBLIC INSPECTION
Any person may inspect the proposed bylaw at the following locations:
Village of Canwood
651 Main Street, Canwood, SK between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM Tuesday to Thursdays, excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available to persons at cost.
Village of Debden
204 2nd Avenue East, Debden, SK between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM Tuesday to Thursdays, excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available to persons at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING
Each Council will hold a public hearing at the time and location listed below to hear any person or group that wishes to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the Town Office before the hearings.
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Shellbrook baseball gets into full swing

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

The ping of the bat. The cheers of the crowd. After another long, seemingly interminable winter, Shellbrook has pressed play on the soundtrack of summer, as baseball gets under-

way for its third season in the community. Helmed by Jamie Capner, the Shellbrook Knights baseball program has enjoyed two seasons that couldn't have possibly been more successful, culminating in back-to-back Tier 5 U11 Provincial titles won on home turf, and

a Baseball Saskatchewan Builder of the Year Award for Capner in 2022. In addition to these successes and accolades, the program has also seen a strong surge in registrations, growing from one U11 team with 11 players in 2021 to more than 70 players

ranging from U7 to U13 in 2022. This summer continues that growth, with about 80 kids registered from the U7 Junior Rally Cap program all the way up to U15. Along with the 20 children at the U7 level, that's good enough for the Shellbrook Knights to be fielding one U9 team, one U11 team, two U13 teams, and the new U15 team, which includes kids from Shellbrook, Spiritwood, and surrounding communities. With two years of baseball under their belts already, Capner says a lot of the returning kids are now moving up to play in new age groups and he's excited to watch them grow. "The cool part about the U9s moving up to U11 this year, is their athletic ability is growing every single day," he said. "One of the most fun parts of watching those younger age groups is seeing

them improve. In a couple years, I think that's going to be the team to watch." Though both the U13 and U15 teams are eyeing Provincial runs, Capner says one big change from the past two baseball seasons is that Shellbrook won't be playing host to a Provincials tournament this year (unless it absolutely has to). Instead, Shellbrook Minor Ball will focus its efforts on maintenance and upgrades for the ball diamonds and the Shellbrook Sports Grounds. Projects include putting up sponsorship signs at the diamonds to acknowledge supporters of the local baseball and softball programs, fixes to fences and the bleachers on most diamonds, and the installation of a windbreak around the pole shed. Elsewhere, there are plans to do some work in the kitchen of the Centennial building, upgrades to be done at the batting cage, shale to be added to a couple infields to lengthen them for baseball, and a new mound to install for the U15s. Finally, to accommodate all of its equipment, the ball program has moved into a larger shed. "The Minor Ball Board is doing a great job this year of cleaning up and rebuilding at the ball diamonds and upgrading everything," Capner said. "It's been busy." With the baseball season getting into full swing, Capner says the Shellbrook Knights will

look to continue their success as a franchise by keeping the emphasis on hitting — a strategy he believes led the U11 Knights to their second consecutive Provincials in 2022 (compared to the reliance on pitching and luck in 2021). This season, Capner will be coaching these many of these back-to-back provincial champions at the U13 level, and he says some adjustments will be required. "Last year, we really opened up the bats and that worked well for us," Capner said. "But U13 is a different game altogether, because they're not starting with a 1-1 count like you do in U11. You're going to burn pitchers up faster, and kids are throwing a lot harder as well," he added, noting that some pitchers are already clocking at upwards of 60 miles per hour at U13. With Shellbrook's geographical location meaning it gets a later start to the baseball season than communities down south of Regina, Capner says another big challenge, especially when Provincials roll around, is playing catch up with teams that have an extra month or more to develop their skills and compete. It's a challenge he welcomes, along with everything else the baseball season might have in store. "I'm just excited for the year. Everybody's playing, there's ball every night at the diamonds; it's awesome," he said.



Devlin Capner stretches out to safely reach second base ahead of a tag by a Turtleford Tigers infielder during action from the 2022 U11 Provincials.

NOTICE

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INTENT
The proposed bylaws establish municipal land use policies including, but not limited to, the following subjects:

Residential: Existing and future residential development areas, housing diversity, infill development, home based businesses, and neighbourhood design.

Commercial: Downtown strength, visually appealing commercial districts, supply of commercial land, and provision for attractive highway commercial corridors.

Transportation & Infrastructure: The integration of planning, finance and engineering to manage infrastructure effectively, ensuring connectivity and traffic safety for all users, encouraging non-motorized transportation, addressing rail safety and mitigation of land use conflicts related to rail, ensuring that future development contributes appropriately to the cost of infrastructure services.

Economic & Tourism Development: The promotion and development of economic and tourism related opportunities for the Village of Debden, Village of Canwood and the region.

Community Services & Recreation: The development and enhancement of recreation and community services within the community, coordination and cooperation in the development of facilities and services, and support for public service delivery agencies.

Amenities & Dedicated Lands: The enhancement of green space, provision of municipal reserves, and facilitation of connectivity and walkability throughout each Village.

Biophysical Constraints & Hazards: Regulation for development on and near hazard lands, including environmentally sensitive lands, contaminated lands, flood hazard areas. Ensuring source water protection and public safety.

Intermunicipal & Interjurisdictional Cooperation: Pursuing opportunities with government to enhance services and provide innovative opportunities for the region, agreements under the Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement, and facilitation of interjurisdictional cooperation with neighbouring municipalities, First Nations, and other stakeholders on joint planning issues.

Agricultural Land & Fringe Areas: Ensuring that future urban land requirements are not restricted and working with the RM of Canwood No. 494 to address concerns of mutual interest.

Natural & Heritage Resources: Protection and sustainment of valuable cultural and heritage resources within each Village and the region.

Implementation: Policies regarding implementation of the Official Community Plan and the implementation tools that will or may be used for same, including the Zoning Bylaw, subdivision application review, dedication of lands, the use of a

Building Bylaw, and the use of Development Levies and Servicing Fees.

The Official Community Plan also contains a Land Use map (pictured here) which graphically displays, in a conceptual manner, the present and intended future location and extent of general land uses in and surrounding the Town. This map will assist in the application of general goals, objectives and policies of the Official Community Plan. The policies in the Official Community Plan will be implemented primarily through administration of each Village's new Zoning Bylaw.

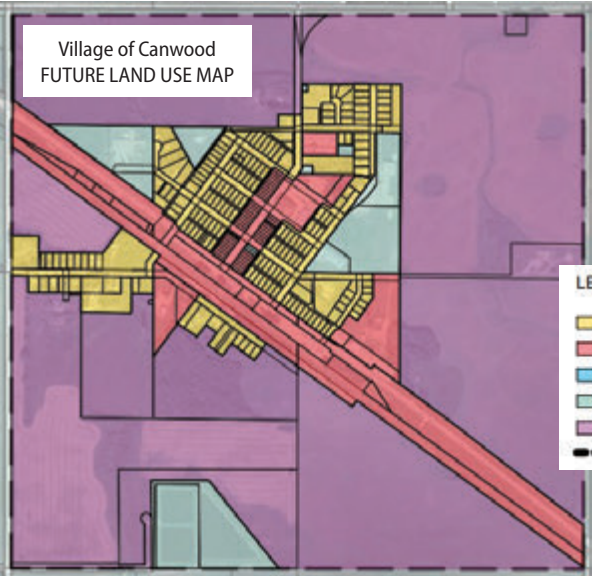
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REASON
The new Official Community Plans will help direct and manage growth and development in the Village of Debden and the Village of Canwood for the next fifteen to twenty years.

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Sommerfeld celebrates 95th birthday



Lucy Sommerfeld of Shellbrook celebrated her 95th birthday on May 21. Birthday celebrations took place on Lucy's special day and were enjoyed all weekend with family from near and far. They wished her congratulations and best wishes on her wonderful milestone.

Shellbrook seniors have one last dance

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Some danced, some just enjoyed the music, and others simply took advantage of the opportunity to socialize with old and new friends over a home-made meal and desserts, as the Shellbrook Seniors Association hosted an old-time dance on Friday, May 26.

No matter how they spent the afternoon, the approximately 55 people in attendance at the Shellbrook Senior Citizen's Centre had a good time in what was the final old-time dance until the fall.

"We've had a very successful year. People are coming out to visit, socialize, and just listen to the music, even if they can't dance," said Faye Johnson, who handled a lot of the work to revive the dances after a hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's a good place to get together with friends."

Steeped in the music and traditions of a bygone era on the prairies, old-time dancing was introduced by the Senior's Association as a monthly activity in early 2015. Since then, the afternoon of dancing and togetherness, which often includes live musical entertainment, has become one of the association's most popular gatherings, regularly attracting seniors from Prince Albert, Debden, and many other communities in the area, as well as those from Shellbrook.

And on more than one occasion over



About 55 seniors came out to the Shellbrook Senior Association's final old-time dance until the fall.

the years, the Senior's Association even invited Grade 11 students from W.P. Sandin High School out for a day of dancing, as part of an effort by both the school and the seniors to bridge the intergenerational gaps between the two groups.

As someone who can be seen dancing with her husband, Walter, throughout the afternoon at every old-time dance, Johnson says it meant a lot to her to revive them and have them be so successful.

"We've both been dancing since we were kids. That's what we did when we were young," she said. "It gives us exercise. You feel good when you're dancing."



Faye and Walter Johnson (front) spent the afternoon on the dance floor with a number of other couples.



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Resort Village of Pebble Baye Public Notice – Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Resort Village of Pebble Baye (RV) intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, to amend Bylaw No. 3/84, known as the Zoning Bylaw (ZB).

INTENT: The primary intent of the proposed bylaw amendment is to assign a zoning scheme of the RV to lands recently restructured within its boundaries; said lands previously laid within the RM of Canwood No. 494. The amendment would zone lands to best reflect current and proposed land use within the RV context using the UR – Urban Reserve and R – Residential Districts, as well as a new S – Storage District (S). The general principals of the District are very similar to that which are in place under the RM of Canwood. A new S – Storage District would be added to the ZB for existing subdivided lots that had been created specifically for off-site personal storage. The new Zoning District would prescribe allowable uses and regulations for development of lands to which it is applied. A number of definitions would be added to support the new District.

AFFECTED LANDS: Lands recently restructured within the RV would be affected by the proposed amendment. Said lands are located north of the municipal road allowance lying at the north end of the RV and lying within SE-06-49-07-W3M. A copy of the proposed amendment and map showing the affected land and proposed zoning is located for public view at www.northboundplanning.ca/public-notification.

REASON: Upon restructuring of land within a new municipality, the planning controls of the former municipality remain in place until such time they are replaced by bylaw. Consequently, the RV wishes to add content to its own ZB to reflect this change and zone lands accordingly. The S District has been structured to encourage a consistent development pattern within the area to which it is applied, and to maximize physical separation between buildings and structures to minimize fire risk.

PUBLIC INSPECTION: The RV does not maintain a dedicated office space. Upon request, hard copy (at cost of printing and postage) of the proposed amendment is available through the mail; a free digital copy is available at www.northboundplanning.ca/public-notification.

PUBLIC HEARING: Council will hold a public hearing on **June 17, 2023, at 10 AM**, at 435 Lakewood Dr. (Krause cottage) within the RV. Written submissions and requests for verbal representation must be received by **June 15**. For additional information, please contact (306) 468-3104 or resortpebblebaye@gmail.com. Written submissions can be mailed: c/o Terry Lofstrom – Administrator, Box 449, Canwood, SK S0J 0K0.

Issued at the RM of Canwood this 29th day of May, 2023.

Terry Lofstrom – Administrator – Resort Village of Pebble Baye

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPIRITWOOD: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm; Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm; Friday 9 am - 5 pm
LEOVILLE: Wapiti Regional Library - Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 3 pm
SHELL LAKE: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 12:30 pm - 4 pm; Wednesday 12:30 pm - 4 pm

BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - 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 - Wednesday 11:30 am - 4:30 pm; Thursday 11:30 am - 4:30 pm. Phone # 306-469-2152
CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Tuesday 10 am - 3:30 pm; Thursday 3:30 pm - 8 pm; Friday 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Kids Club is Fridays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Crafter's Choice is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.
DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10 am - 3 pm; Wednesday 3 pm - 7 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon
LEASK: Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Tuesday 9 am - 2 pm; Wednesday 3 pm - 6 pm; Friday 1 pm - 5 pm
MARCELIN: Wapiti Library - Thursday 2 pm - 7 pm; Saturday 9 am - 2 pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.
SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Branch of the Wapiti Library located at 105 Railway Ave., West (Provincial building). Library Hours: Monday 2 pm - 6 pm; Tuesday 12 pm - 8 pm; Wednesday 2 pm - 6 pm; Thursday 12 pm - 6 pm; Friday 10 am - 5 pm (Story Time 11 am - 12 pm); Saturday 10 am - 4 pm.

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Minutes of a Spiritwood Town Council 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 in the Council Chambers at the Spiritwood Town Office, 212 Main Street, on April 11, 2023, at 7 p.m.

In attendance were, Mayor Gary von Holwede, Councillor Bryan Wingerter, Councillor Brad Nemish, Councillor Ragnar Latus, Councillor George Pretli, Councillor Shane Colley and CAO Rhonda Saam.

Absent was Councillor Jim Bedi.

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

Pretli: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

Nemish: That the minutes of the regular meeting on March 28, 2023, be approved as presented. Carried

Colley: That the correspondence be filed as presented.

Carried

Wingerter: That the Accounts for Ratification, Cheque No. 32535 to 32537 and payments #1238 to 1258 in the amount of \$48,041.72 be approved as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 32538 to 32558 and payment #1259 in the amount of \$43,301.45 be approved as presented. Carried

Nemish: That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of March 2023 be approved as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the Financial Statement for the month of March 2023 be approved as presented. Carried

Nemish: That we approve the audited draft financial statements for the year ended Dec. 31, 2022, that were completed by Sensus Chartered Professional Accountants Ltd., and recognize that no subsequent events have occurred since Jan. 1, 2023, that could have a

significant impact on the municipality’s operations or on these financial statements as approved. Carried

Nemish: That the reports be filed as presented. Carried

Councillor Latus declared a conflict and left the council meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Wingerter: That we accept the offer to purchase from Lake Country Co-operative for Parcel UC and Parcel UD Plan No. in the amount of \$110,000 plus GST and have the lawyer draft the purchase agreement. Carried

Councillor Latus re-entered the council meeting at 8 p.m.

Wingerter: That we approve Building & Development Permit #05-2023SW to construct a new private swimming pool on 301 First Avenue West, with the condition of approval of compliance to the Town of Spiritwood Bylaws, and the building permit pending authorization from the Building Inspector. Carried

Nemish: That we rescind resolution no. 2023-0044, as the purchaser has decided not to enter into a purchase agreement for Lot 19 Block 32 (404 Sixth Avenue East). Carried

Wingerter: That we authorize Councillor Bedi’s absence from Council Meetings held in March & April of 2023 & Mayor von Holwede’s absence from Council Meetings held in April & May 2023. Carried

Wingerter: That we set the council meeting in June 2023 to be on the 27th of the month, and this will be the only council meeting held in June 2023. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve the amendments to Policy No. 30 Waterworks Emergency Plan Policy as presented. Carried

Nemish: That we approve Building & Development Permit #06-2023SW to construct a new deck with pergola on 200 Third Street West, with the condition of approval of

compliance to the Town of Spiritwood Bylaws, and the building permit pending authorization from the Building Inspector. Carried

Nemish: That we advertise for two full-time summer student positions for the 2023 season in the Spiritwood Herald and on-line with SaskJobs for one week, as well as on the Town facebook page. This position will run from approximately July 1 to Aug. 31, 2023, for approximately 8 weeks. Carried

Pretli: That we renew the town office caretaker contract with Antonio Rosal at a monthly contract rate of \$250 for a one-year term effective April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve forwarding the attached outstanding utility accounts past due 90 days as of April 11, 2023, to the Tax Roll. Carried

Latus: That this meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Saskatchewan responds to federal Bill C-48 on bail reform

The federal government has introduced Bill C-48, which would amend Canada’s Criminal Code in relation to granting bail to repeat violent offenders.

When Federal-Provincial-Territorial Justice and Public Safety Ministers met in Ottawa in March, they called on the federal government to codify a reverse onus on bail for repeat violent offenders. This followed a unanimous letter by all Premiers to the Prime Minister last November, calling for action to strengthen the country’s bail system.

“It is positive that both reverse onus for repeat violent offenders who use a weapon, as well as strengthened language around judicial consideration of

community safety have been added to Bill C-48,” Justice Minister and Attorney General Bronwyn Eyre said. “We’re hopeful that this language may be considered for all repeat violent offenders and will be reviewing the ongoing impact of these amendments.”

A reverse onus requires that an accused demonstrate why detention isn’t necessary, which is a more difficult requirement to satisfy.

Bill C-48 also includes language that follows Saskatchewan’s recommendation that a reverse onus be instituted for breach of release orders related to the possession of weapons. Saskatchewan also submitted recommendations

on strengthening language around the importance of community safety and requiring judges to provide written consideration of the impacts to public safety when releasing violent offenders on bail.

Bill C-48 amends the Criminal Code to:

- require courts to specifically consider when an accused has a history of violent convictions when making a release order;
- add new reverse onus provisions in s.515(6) for certain (but not all) firearms offences;
- add a new reverse onus provision in s.515(6) for the commission of a violent offence with a weapon, when the accused was previously convicted of a similar offence within the past five years;
- clarify in the bail provisions that

a weapons “prohibition order” includes a judge’s release order, for the purposes of triggering a reverse onus;

- add those who were discharged of an intimate partner violence offence to the existing reverse onus provision regarding repeat intimate partner violence;
- add a requirement that the judge, when making an order relating to release, include in the record of proceedings a statement relating to the safety and security of the community (previously, the requirement was only for a statement relating to the safety and security of individual victims); and
- include a mandatory five-year review of provisions to evaluate the impact of the reforms.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Regular services, Sunday school and special services will be listed.

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Sunday School,
Worship Sunday, 11 a.m.
St. John’s - Shellbrook
Sunday School,
Live-stream worship
service on Facebook,
Worship Sunday, 9 a.m.
Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Parkside
10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor Lorne Valuck
306-747-3572
Shellbrook
Adult Study
9:30 a.m.
Sun., 10:30 a.m. - Worship
Pastor David Bodvarson
306-747-7235
Canwood

Summer: 10 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Bob Wrench
306-468-2138

Leask Gospel Tabernacle
Sunday 11 a.m.
306-466-2296

PRESBYTERIAN

Mistawasis
Sunday worship
11:00 a.m.
Rev. Katherine Bretzlaff

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Leask - All Saint’s
Sunday Service - 9 a.m.
St. Andrew’s - Shellbrook
Sunday, 11 a.m. Service
Canwood - Christ Church
Sunday, 2 p.m. - Service
Rev. Canon David Butorac
306-961-1634
Minister’s Warden:
306-922-5159
H.C. Service with Rev.
Butorac - 2nd Sunday of the
month

MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH

Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel
109 Railway Ave. W.
Blaine Lake
306-497-3316
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Worship

EVANGELICAL FREE

Big River
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Summer: 10:30 a.m. - 12
306-469-2258
Youth Nite: Fridays
Mont Nebo
Sun. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
(10:30 a.m. June - August)
306-468-2525

UNITED CHURCH

Big River
Sundays
10 a.m. - Worship
at Anglican Church
Rev. Dave Whalley
306-747-2804

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Debden
Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.
Fr. Mariusz Zajac
Big River - Sacred Heart
Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass
Whitefish
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.
Victoire
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.
Fr. Mariusz Zajac
St. Agatha’s - Shellbrook
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m.
St. Henry’s - Leask
Mass - Sunday 9 a.m.
Mistawasis
1st & 3rd Sundays 1:30 p.m.
Fr. Tuan Doan

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407-2nd Ave E, Shellbrook
Sat., 9:45 a.m. - Sabbath
School
Sat., 11:00 am -Worship
Broadcast on
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Pastor Liviu Tilihoi
306-747-3398

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Lutheran/United/
Christchurch Anglican,
137-2nd St. W.
Spiritwood
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Rev. Sarah Urano

UNITED /ANGLICAN

Worship Services
Glaslyn
Time is on the sign
Rev. Kun Kim
Rev. Don Skinner

CATHOLIC SUNDAY

Spiritwood - 9:00 a.m.
Leoville - 11:00 a.m.
Chitek Lake - 1:00 p.m.
SATURDAY
Medstead - 6 p.m.
Shell Lake - 8:00 p.m.
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Pastor Rick Martin

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Pastor Michael Kluthe
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Worship - 10:00 am
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Mennonite Church

BETHEL

Medstead
1st Sunday, 10 am -
Worship
Pastor David Jensen
3rd Sunday - 10 am
Worship
Pastor David Jensen

MENNONITE BRETHREN

Glenbush
10:00 am - Sunday School
Worship 10:50 am

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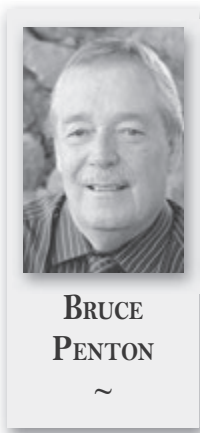
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Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Pastor Sarah Urano
306-841-7333

Blackhawks wasting no time on rebuild

It could be a whirlwind of a rebuild for the Chicago Blackhawks. The major beneficiary in the NHL Lottery Draw (aka the Connor Bedard sweepstakes), the Blackhawks are poised to jump from one of the worst teams in the National Hockey League to one of the best in only a couple of years. Chicago's 59 points in 2022-23 were 31st out of 32 teams (only the hapless Anaheim Ducks were worse, by one point) and its roster looked pretty bleak, especially after the trading of superstar Patrick Kane in March and the decision not to resign Blackhawks legend Jonathan Toews. The 'Hawks' roster at the end of this season hardly sent shudders to opponents, with the likes of Taylor Raddysh, Andreas Athanasiou and Philipp Kurashev among the more recognizable names to avid Chicago fans. But now, of course, everything has changed. The Hawks will select

Bedard with the first pick in the NHL draft June 28 in Nashville, adding to the three first-rounders they had last season — defenceman Kevin Korchinski, who put up 73 points in 54 games for WHL champion Seattle this season; centre Frank Nazar from the U.S. National Development team, who went on to play as a freshman with University of Michigan this season; and Sam Rinzel, a high school defenceman from Minnesota who played two seasons in the USHL with Waterloo. All three have reportedly NHL potential and when they mesh with Bedard plus another Blackhawk first-rounder this summer, along with four second-rounders, the talent pool in the Windy City could be immense. But that's not all. Thanks in part to the many trades Hawks' general manager Kyle Davidson made, Chicago in 2024 has two first-rounders and

two second-rounders. They also have two first-rounders and two second-rounders in 2025. It's an embarrassment of draft riches and if only a handful of those draft selections pan out, the Hawks will be contenders — and fast. Chicago took great advantage of the situation the last time they picked No. 1 overall. It was 2007 and Patrick Kane was the consensus top choice but without the 'generational' adjective that has been attached to Bedard. All Kane did was go on to enjoy a Hall of Fame career, leading the Hawks to three Stanley Cups, winning



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the Rookie of the Year award, a Conn Smythe trophy (playoff MVP), as well as a scoring title and a Hart Trophy (most valuable player) in 2016. Bedard and Co. could lead the Blackhawks to similar successes in the next decade or so. Blackhawks fans can only hope. • Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hamp- ton, Va.): "I'm happy to learn that the New En- gland Patriots will hon- our Tom Brady at their home opener. The poor guy shouldn't have to go through life without some sort of recogni- tion." • Former pro hockey player Rich Preston, re- calling his days with the Houston Aeros of the World Hockey Associa- tion when he played on a line with Gordie and Marty Howe: "Terry Ruskowski said: 'That's not a bad line, but it needs a nickname. They came up with, 'Howe, Howe and Who!'" • Comedy guy Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "Memphis Grizzlies told

Dillon Brooks he would not be back with the team 'under any circum- stances'. I find that hard to believe. How about if he agreed to play for free and they duct-taped his mouth shut?" • Eamon Lynch of gulf- week.com., about LIV players perhaps getting picked for the U.S. Ryder Cup team: "Patrick Reed could win the next three majors and still not be invited for a uniform fitting for fear he might sue the seamstress." • Canadian parody website The Beaverton: "Leafs fans sick of cur- rent 'good but not good enough' team going to love return of 'we suck and our front office is chaos' era." • RJ Currie of sports- deke.com: "The Arizona Coyotes recently had a local bank manager for their emergency backup goaltender. Don't laugh: The guy knew how to save." • Another one from Currie: "Metro UK re- ports scientists have found a way to delete painful memories. Fi-

nally, some good news for Maple Leafs fans." • One more headline from the Beaverton and then we'll quit picking on the Leafs: "Raising your kids to be Leafs fans classified as child abuse." • Headline at theon- ion.com: "Stephen A. Smith blasts Ja Morant for poor gun-handling fundamentals" • Another one from theonion.com: "Jets impressed how quick- ly Aaron Rodgers com- plaining about roster" • From fark.com: "Con- necticut governor wants to lure the Coyotes with the same arena that cost them the Whalers in the first place. Still better than what they've got in Tempe." • Another one from fark.com: "James Hard- en to seek long-term contract with 'basket- ball freedom,' which loosely means an out clause to go to the strip club in the middle of the game." Care to comment? Email brucepen- ton2003@yahoo.ca

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It is with sadness we announce the passing of Leonard Andres on May 24, 2023, at the age of 91 years.
Leonard lived a full life from farming to work-

ing at the Stockyards in Spiritwood.
Some may remember him as a school bus driver and towards the end of his working life, he was the custodian at Hartley Clark School. He was a hard worker and always ready to lend a hand to anyone who needed it.
When he retired he left Spiritwood and moved to Prince Albert with Lena.
His passion was trucks, camping and coffee time.
He is predeceased by his mom, dad and all his siblings.
He was loved and will be dearly missed by Le-

na’s four girls and grandchildren.
There are still many nieces, nephews and friends that will remember him fondly. As he was a big part of their lives.
There will be no Funeral Service at Leonard’s request.
Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau “Lac” Funeral Home and Crematorium, Delores Beaulac Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK (306) 883-3500.

Scent in the summer garden

By PATRICIA HANBIDGE

Summer evenings are fabulous for enjoying the sweet and yes, romantic scents of your garden. Summer on the prairies is short so spending as much time as possible outside is always recommended. If you have a spot in your garden that you frequent in the evening.... or even in the later evening then plan to plant to include marvelous scent. Better yet, plant a window box or other suitable planting outside your bedroom window. As the cool night air wafts into your bedroom, it could carry the evocative scents of a host of truly exotic flowers that might only bloom at night.
Many of the night blooming plants are very sweetly scented and will emit their fragrance at night in order to attract insects for pollination. Some of my favourite scented plants like wisteria, magnolia and gardenia will not survive in our prairie climate – but there are lots of scented plants we can grow very well.
For the best lemon scent (and taste) in the world plant some lemon verbena. It is a truly delicious scent that conjures up the extreme pleasure of sucking on lemon sherbet sweets. Tangy on the outside while at the same time being extremely refreshing on the inside. On the prairies this is a tender herb that is best grown in a container of some kind. Bring it inside in the autumn, give it a variety of life support treatment before you finally cut it back, let it rest in preparation of another summer outside.
Other annuals that have lots of scent

for summer include any of the scented geraniums. Lemon, peppermint, rose and even chocolate scents are available. You might also get the added benefit of enjoying them inside for at least part of the winter. A must for every garden is evening scented stock. This is a rather small plant that comes to life after dark to reveal purple flowers that carry a wonderful spicy scent that will literally ambush those in close proximity.
A couple of other great choices are nicotiana and heliotrope. Nicotiana (a member of the tobacco family) is a simply splendid flower that becomes intensely scented at night. The ivory flowers are most scented but it also is available in pink, red, and green. Heliotrope is a temperate perennial native to Peru and should be planted in full sun but in a rich humus soil that is kept evenly moist.
Brugmansia is a fast-growing bushy plant with large trumpet-like flowers. They are extremely fragrant with a spicy, exotic scent. Please do be cautious as all parts of this plant are poisonous.
Even though we garden in a rather extreme climate, it is still possible to grow lavender as an annual. Give it full sun and well-drained soil. The purple to white flowers are a marvel and emit a very complex scent. Once harvested the aroma will subtly change as the days pass by.



Brugmansia.

Our hardy shrub roses are not to ever be ignored in the scent category. Rosa rugosa is an old time rose that is not the best to view or grow but makes up for any shortcoming in beauty by its truly exquisite scent. On the hottest days’ plan to place your nose close to the warm summer scent of a rugosa rose blossom and create a memory that is truly unequalled.
Other favourites that surely should not be forgotten include sweet peas, lilac, mock orange and thyme.
Hanbidge is the Lead Horticulturist with Orchid Horticulture.

GOOD NEWS

GOD ALLOWS U-TURNS

By DAVE BODVARSON
Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly

We played a lot of hockey in the north. I sure was fond of pond hockey after I decided not to play under 18 hockey. Football was played, but when I was in school it amounted to flag football. Growing up in Hay River, N.W.T I never watched too much CFL and likely no NFL.
However, I came across a football story that I am fond of. It is about a football player who played for the University of California Los Angeles, Roy Riegels. He became known as “wrong way Riegels.” The reason is, Roy Riegels lost his bearing during the Rose Bowl, and when he picked up the football, he actually ran in the wrong direction. One of his teammates ran him down and tackled him just before he scored for the opposing team. Talk about an embarrassing mistake.
That embarrassing play came in the first half of the game. At half time, the football players filed off the field into the dressing room. Some of the players sat on the benches, others on the floor. Roy Riegels put a blanket around his head, sat down in a corner, and put his head in his hands.
A lot of football coaches generally

have a lot to say during halftime. This time around, Roy’s coach was quiet. He was likely trying to figure out what to do with Riegels.
The timekeeper came in and announced there was three minutes before playing time, Coach Price looked at the team and said, “Men, the same players that played the first half will start the second.”
The football players got up and started out, all but Roy Riegels. He wouldn’t budge. Coach Price looked back and called to him. Riegels didn’t move. Coach Price went over where Roy Riegels sat and said, “Roy, didn’t you hear me? The same players that played the first half will start the second.”
Roy Riegels looked up, “Coach,” he said, “I can’t do it. I’ve ruined you. I’ve ruined the university’s reputation. I’ve ruined myself. I can’t face that crowd out there.”
What a word Coach Price had for Riegels. This is what he told him “Get out there and try again, the game is only half over.”
What a coach.
What a God we serve.
That is what God says when we mess up. Brush your self off. Repent, and keep on going!
God allows U-turns.

Pull up your socks and watch for ticks

Saskatchewan residents are being reminded to take precautions to avoid tick bites as warmer weather begins.
With many people heading outside over the long weekend, the Ministry of Health would like to remind you that ticks are often found in tall grass, brush, or wooded areas and will latch onto people or pets who brush up against them.
“People should check themselves, their children and their pets for ticks after spending time outdoors,” Saskatchewan Deputy Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Julie Kryzanowski said. “Taking precautions, like pulling your socks up over your pant legs and using effective insect repellents, will reduce the risk of tick bites.”
The American dog tick, or wood tick, is the most common tick species in Saskatchewan. They are most active from spring to early summer and cannot transmit Lyme disease to people.
The risk of exposure to Lyme disease, caused by blacklegged ticks, is low in Saskatchewan.
The Ministry of Health collaborates with the University of Saskatchewan and eTick to identify ticks collected in Saskatchewan. In 2022, 1,308 ticks were identified in the province and only 17 were blacklegged ticks. Seven of these were submitted for testing and none of them tested positive for the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.
To date, no established populations of blacklegged ticks have been detected in Saskatchewan through active surveillance efforts. People should be prepared if they are traveling to other provinces or countries where there are established populations of blacklegged ticks that can transmit Lyme disease.
To prevent tick bites:
• Wear light-coloured clothes so ticks can be easily seen.
• Wear pants, long-sleeved shirts, and

shoes that do not expose your bare feet.
• Pull socks over your pant legs to prevent ticks from crawling up your legs.
• Use insect repellents that contain DEET or Icaridin. Apply repellent to clothes as well as your skin (under sunscreen). Always read and follow the directions on the label. Some repellents may have age restrictions.
• In Canada, clothing that has been treated with the insecticide permethrin has been approved for use by people over the age of 16.
• Shower or bathe as soon as possible after being outside to wash off loose ticks.
• Do full-body tick checks as soon as possible after being outside on yourself, your children, and pets.
If you find a tick attached to your skin or on your pet:
• Carefully remove it with fine-tipped tweezers and grasp the tick’s mouthparts as close to the skin as possible.
• For a video demonstration on how to remove a tick, please visit saskatchewan.ca/lyme.
• Do not put Vaseline, gasoline, or other harmful substances on an attached tick.
• You may also submit photos of the tick using the eTick system (www.etick.ca) Please keep ticks in a secure container until you receive the identification results as you may be requested to submit them by mail for further study. Ticks should not be submitted by mail unless requested.
• Ticks can be euthanized by placing them in a bag and storing them in the freezer 24 hours.
For more information on ticks and Lyme disease, including how to submit a tick for identification and testing, visit saskatchewan.ca/lyme or <https://research-groups.usask.ca/ticks/#Passivesurveillance>.

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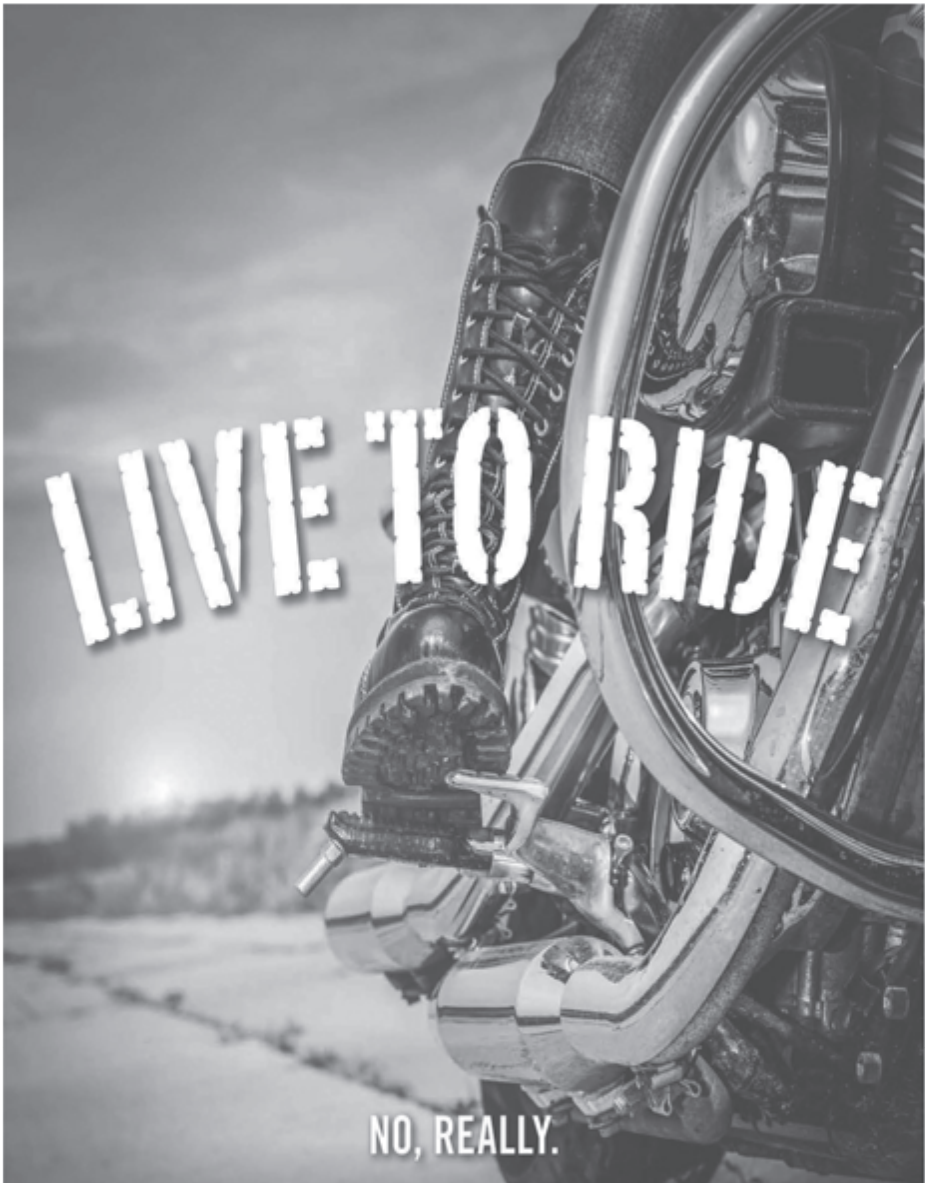
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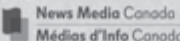
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(Where necessary, the following minutes may have been edited for clarity or brevity)

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 held in the Leask Community Hall on Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

Council Meeting was called to order by Reeve Craig Hamilton at 8:58 a.m.

Present were Reeve Craig Hamilton, Administrator Donna Goertzen and the following Council members: Keith Junk - Division No. 1, Real Diehl - Division No. 2, Gordon Stieb - Division No. 3, Joan Sanftleben - Division 4, Matthew McNeice - Division 5, and Clarke Gossen - Division No. 6.

Delegations:

Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove @ 1 p.m.

Duane Shapka, Woodlands @ 3:30 p.m.

Gossen: That minutes of March 8, 2023, Regular Meeting, be adopted as amended. Carried

Stieb: That minutes of March 10, 2023, Special Meeting be adopted as amended. Carried

Diehl: That minutes of March 17, 2023, Special Meeting be adopted as amended. Carried

Junk: That minutes of March 22, 2023, Special Meeting be adopted. Carried

Sanftleben: That payments be approved as listed on the attached List of Accounts for Approval for the total of \$163,302.77 and Payroll/Indemnity for the total of \$25,066.82. Carried

Gossen: That Council acknowledge receipt of Bank Reconciliation for March 31, 2023. Carried

Stieb: That Council approve the Statement of Financial Activities for March 31, 2023. Carried

Diehl: That Council Indemnity be approved for payment as presented. Carried

Junk: That Superintendent of Public Works Report be accepted as presented. Carried

Sanftleben: That Administrators Report be accepted as presented. Carried

Gossen: That Council authorize credit card values be changed to the following; \$4,000 and \$1,000, respectively, for municipal office purchases; and Furthermore that agreements be signed by office employees to reflect this change. Carried

Diehl: That Bylaw 02-2023, Public Notice Bylaw be read a second time at this meeting. Carried

Gossen: That Bylaw 02-2023, Public Notice Bylaw be read a third time and passed at this meeting. Carried

Junk: That Bylaw 03-2023, Council Procedure Bylaw be read a second time at this meeting. Carried

Stieb: That Bylaw 03-2023, Council Procedure Bylaw be read a third time and passed at this meeting. Carried

Sanftleben: That Bylaw 04-2023, Code of Ethics Bylaw be amended and receive second reading at this meeting. Carried

Diehl: That Bylaw 04-2023, Code of Ethics Bylaw be read a third time and passed at this meeting. Carried

Junk: That we recess the Regular Meeting of Council for the public hearing regarding Bylaw 08-2023 Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw 02-2020 at 11:41 a.m. Carried

Reeve Hamilton formally opened the Public Hearing at 11:41 a.m. to receive any comments and submissions regarding Discretionary Use applications.

Attendees from the public: none

Public comments: No written or verbal comments from the public were received.

Sanftleben: That regular meeting be convened at 11:42 a.m. Carried

Gossen: That Bylaw 08-2023, Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 02-2020 be given first reading at this meeting. Carried

Stieb: That Bylaw 09-2023, Bylaw to Establish Mail-In Ballot Voting System be given first reading at this meeting. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council provide permission for Ad-

ministrator and Assistant Administrator to attend RMAA Convention on May 16-18, 2023. Carried

Gossen: That Council authorize Administrator to open a Trust Account for Development Service Agreements. Carried

Sanftleben: That Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove set 2023 levy at 55% of tax collected. Carried

Stieb: That Council support Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove (OHPC) to obtain a financial loan for \$73,184.98; 5-year term, 10% down payment and that the Municipality enter into a written agreement with the OHPC. Carried

Junk: That Council appoint Councillor Sanftleben and Councillor Gossen to Policy Review/HR committee. Carried

Gossen: That Council provide approval for purchase of HR Policy Manual. Carried

Diehl: That Council acknowledge Education Mill Rates as set by Minister of Government Relations. Carried

Junk: That Council acknowledge Employee Competencies of Max Jupe — Grader and Tractor, Jon Nelson — Grader, and Dennis Ledoux — Skid Steer, Excavator/Loader, Chain Saw. Carried

Sanftleben: That Motion 110/23, Tax Enforcement be rescinded.

Gossen: That Erin Robertson be appointed as RM of Leask Assistant Administrator/Public Works Administrator. Carried

Junk: That John Martin be reimbursed for 2022 MEPP contributions. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council approve Brandt Safety Training for municipal employees. Carried

Stieb: That we move into an in-camera session citing The Local Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and Section 14(1)(b)(iii). Time being 2:12 p.m. Carried

Diehl: That we move out of camera session. Time being 2:14 p.m. Carried

Junk: That Public Property

Tender, NW-34-47-05-W3 be accepted for the sum of \$10. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council approve Council Remuneration Policy as amended. Carried

Gossen: That Advance Poll be held Friday, June 16 at the Leask Happy Homesteaders Senior Hall. Carried

Stieb: That Council approve withdrawal of \$150,000 from redeemable GIC. Carried

Diehl: That Council appoint Fire Chief Dwayne Wollman, with the responsibility for the area of the local authority’s jurisdiction under Section 12 of The Fire Safety Act. Carried

Junk: That Council approve Building permit SE-01-46-08-W3. Carried

Sanftleben: That we move into an in-camera session citing The Local Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and Section 16(1) (b). Time being 2:35 p.m. Carried

Gossen: That we move out of camera session. Time being 2:54 p.m. Carried

Stieb: That Council hire Justin Nagy, fulltime grader operator, as per schedule provided in the Collective Agreement with three months probationary period. Carried

Diehl: That we recess the Regular Meeting of Council for the public hearing regarding Discretionary Use for SW-31-46-07-W3 at 3 p.m. Carried

Reeve Hamilton formally opened the Public Hearing at 3 p.m.

Attendees from the public: Michael Loran, John Loran, Jim Loran, Pat Loran

Public Comments: Written comments and verbal comments from the public were received.

Junk: That we move back into regular session at 3:09 p.m. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council approve Discretionary Use application SW-31-46-07-W3. Carried

Gossen: That we move into an in-camera session citing The Local Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and Section 16(1)(b).

Time being 3:16 p.m. Carried

Stieb: That we move out of camera session. Time being 3:34 p.m. Carried

Diehl: That, the report received from MJ Consulting, retained with respect to the COE complaints made against Council members, be accepted and adopted. Carried

Reeve Hamilton declared a conflict and left the room at 3:36 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Stieb assumed the chair.

Junk: That COE# 02-11-22 has been deemed unsubstantiated under Section 29 of the Code of Ethics Bylaw. Carried

Sanftleben: That COE #001-12-23 has been deemed unsubstantiated under Section 29 of the Code of Ethics Bylaw. Carried

Reeve Hamilton returned to the room at 3:38 p.m. and assumed the chair.

A conflict of Interest was declared by Reeve Hamilton, Councillors Diehl, Sanftleben, Stieb, Junk and Gossen, as all members were named in the next item on agenda.

Gossen: That COE# 003-12-23 has been deemed unsubstantiated under Section 29 of the Code of Ethics Bylaw. Carried

Stieb: That COE# 003-12-23 has been deemed unsubstantiated under Section 29 of the Code of Ethics Bylaw. Carried

3:44 p.m.: Duane Shapka, Woodlands joined the meeting.

Gossen: That Council provide permission for Reeve and Administrator to sign Service Agreement with Woodland representative Duane Shapka; Furthermore, that agreement be sent to Community Planning and that Performance Surety Check of \$25,000 be deposited into holding account, Development Service Agreements. Carried (1 against, 4 for)

Sanftleben: That Council approved Time Bank Agreement for EMP0004. Carried

Stieb: That Council acknowledge SaskPower file# 20387592. Carried

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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