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## Emerald Park

# Standing room only as residents challenge new apartment project

By Ryan Kiedrowski  
Grasslands News

A public meeting in the Emerald Park Fire Hall drew so many people that the overhead doors needed to be opened at one point.

"We had as many chairs set up as we could, but then the place was just absolutely filled," said RM of Edenvold Reeve Al Trainor of the over 400 people in attendance on Oct. 22. "It's what council was hoping for, to have a really good turnout to get a good feel for the community."

At issue was a discretionary use application to allow the development of a trio of three-storey apartment buildings. The evening was hosted by the RM of Edenvold, and featured 35 speakers who voiced their concerns about the proposed construction. Aside from those residents speaking during the meeting, the RM has received 194 written submissions as of Oct. 23.

"There's a lot of interest on it and a lot of good points being brought up by the ratepayers," Reeve Trainor told Grasslands News. "It's a very emotional situation for a lot of people, and we can completely understand that. Council is very aware of the sensitivity of this proposed project."

First to speak at the public meeting was WCE Design engineer Dustin Weiss, who provided some background information on what Greensview Estates might look like.

"The development itself is three three-storey apartment units, 59 units per building with estimated 177 units with an estimated population about 408," he told those gathered in the Emerald Park Fire Hall. "This development is not government funded and doesn't have any subsidies. It's a fully accessible development, so each building has accessible units on each floor as well as a dedicated elevator and then subsequent access stalls and that travel path from the stalls will be fully accessible."

The vast majority of people gathered were in opposition of the development proceeding, listing concerns of



## Halloween Parade

The Kronau Marvelous Museum and Creative Corner hosted their annual Halloween Parade on Sunday. Around 30 children attended the event which was led by Kronau and District Emergency Response Volunteer Fire Department.

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current infrastructure not being able to accommodate the influx of people, and how the addition of apartment buildings might change the community in general.

"I ask that you please stop and listen to the people tonight," said local resident Kelly Morrow during his time at the podium. "This project as proposed will forever alter the character and foundation of this wonderful community. Big city apartment buildings belong in the city. They do not belong in Emerald Park or White City."

Others noted their concern over the lack of green spaces available for recreational purposes.

"I've watched this community grow from 100 people and a cookie factory to over 5,000 that it is now," said White City resident Daryl Schwartz, who has lived in the area for 57 years. "I've watched the community go from large lots and large parks to shrinking lots and no parks."

Schwartz noted that no new parks have been built since 1995 when White City's population numbered

around 900 people.

"Today the population of White City is 3,821 and not one new park has been built to take the pressure off our area," he said.

While planning and research into the development has been happening over the past couple years, Reeve Trainor noticed public attention ramping up more recently.

"In the last few months, there's been an increasing amount of feedback from it, but nothing like it has been for the last couple of weeks," he said. "With the amount of emails coming in, people expressing their view on the project and then giving their reasons why for it, the majority of people that were there (for the Oct. 22 meeting) were against the project. We've had 10 written submissions come in that were in support of it."

The RM of Edenvold planned a special meeting for the evening of Oct. 29 to decide whether or not the development will proceed further, and Grasslands News will have the results of that decision available next week.

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# Patient says speaking up is key to navigating healthcare system

## Whitewood's Catherine Ast shares her liver transplant journey

By Ryan Kiedrowski  
Grasslands News

Catherine Ast knew at some point in her life she might need a liver transplant – a fact she's lived with since her teenage years.

"I was officially diagnosed when I was 16," the Whitewood resident said. "It takes genetic testing to diagnose it, I knew I had a 50/50 chance. Since then, I've just had yearly blood work checking to see if it was active."

Ast has ApoA1 Familial Amyloidosis, which is a rare disease affecting major organs of the body.

"In super plain terms, the liver produces a bunch of proteins for the body and in this case, it gets the recipe wrong," she explained. "It makes this protein that the body has no way of using and it doesn't know what it is."

The proteins begin to build up, starting in the kidneys.

"It just builds up and almost calcifies on the organ and shuts it down," Ast continued. "But it can go anywhere because it just gets sent everywhere."

Usually, the kidneys are the first red flag - being the natural filtration system - but presenting in the stomach, brain, and even various joints is not uncommon.

"My kidneys are the ones that are on the verge of failing, but it's actually a liver transplant that I need," Ast said. "It's a hereditary genetic disease that I got from my mom, so she had the same thing, my sister has the same thing."

Ast's mother had a liver transplant in 2003, and her sister also had the same procedure about 10 years ago.

"It's a weird disease in that it's dormant for about the first 20, 30 years of life, and then it kind of all of a sudden starts," Ast said. "So, I have blood work yearly every year from the time I was diagnosed at 16, and then in 2022 is when my blood work finally kind of peaked that something was off."

Despite being mentally prepared that medical treatments would be happening at some point in her life, the diagnosis still came as a shock.

"It was scary," Ast described. "Even though I had my whole life to prepare for it, you still aren't prepared for it, right? I just felt in shock for a while, and then I think I probably went through a bit of a depressive phase trying to cope with that at 16. At the same time, I had watched my mom go through it, I knew that it wasn't supposed to be a death sentence, that there was a cure through transplant."

### Donor needed

A liver transplant for Ast could be garnered two ways – harvested from a deceased organ donor or obtained from a generous living donor with a compatible blood type.

Enter Trevor MacDonald, a close friend to Ast's husband, Dustin. MacDonald had learned of the search for a donor back in March, and it raised some questions in his mind as well.

"I honestly don't even know what blood type I am, so I went and just started donating blood," MacDonald said. "That's how I found out my blood type."

Fortunately, his blood type matched what could be used to donate a liver.

"Once I found out what my blood type was, I looked into it and as long as you're in the O group; if you're O positive or O negative, you can donate your liver to either or," MacDonald explained. "So once I found that out, I came home, spoke to my wife, and she was all for it."

That was when MacDonald told the Ast's that he

would be willing to make a living donation, breaking the news to Dustin at the job site they were working at.

"Dustin called me, 'Trevor offered to give you a liver'," Ast recalled, at first assuming MacDonald couldn't possibly be serious. "I immediately texted him (MacDonald) and I was like, 'listen, you can take that back at absolutely any point. There will be zero hard feelings I would never ask anybody to go through that'."

But MacDonald was steadfast in his offer – securing a crucial part of the donation journey.

"Every few weeks I message him, 'just remember, you can take it back and there's no hard feelings. I don't want you to feel committed to it'," Ast said. "He's just become more and more committed to it and just set that he's going to do what it takes if he's a match. It's mind-boggling to me."



**Donation journey**  
Catherine Ast was thrilled to find out her husband's friend, Trevor MacDonald, volunteered to be a living donor.

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### A broken system

So far, Ast was ecstatic – a living donor was secured, making for a huge check on the list. However, what faced everyone next would be the biggest challenge: navigating the healthcare system. After sending a biopsy to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, confirmation was made that Ast had amyloidosis.

"This type of amyloidosis is purely genetic," she explained. "The only people in the world that have it have some sort of common ancestor with me, and there's only about 200 cases worldwide that are known. So extremely rare, I think there's one or two medical journals written on this disease. There's no information, right?"

Over the next couple years, Ast would undergo regular monitoring to keep her blood pressure down and stabilize the kidneys. In March of this year, Ast decided to push for a transplant, reasoning that "there's no point waiting for my organs to continue to fail."

"To get on the transplant list, you have to be pretty much in active failure," she said. "I don't want to wait until they're failed, because in the meantime, this disease could be affecting other organs, and so if we wait

too long and it affects my heart, then I'm ineligible for anything, and then this is a death sentence."

Initially, Ast was told it would be an 18-month waiting list to see the only hepatologist in the province. From there, she would need a referral to the transplant program, which could be a further year of testing before approval before advancing to the next steps. Ast calculated that it could likely be five years before a transplant could possibly happen.

"I don't think my kidneys are going to make it five years, this is a mess," Ast said. "Then it was about three months of back and forth with the nephrologist and the hepatologist's office."

Frustrated, Ast brought her issue to her MLA – an action that seemed to get the figurative ball rolling.

"I ended up emailing Kevin Weedmark and he replied to me within 14 minutes," she said. "I expected that to be a whole other fight, trying to get a hold of anybody, and later that day, I got a call from the Saskatchewan Health Authority."

Ast discovered that there are no firm protocols in place for cases like hers requiring the further actions of a transplant.

"It was kind of eye-opening for them as well, and the scary thing is had I not thought I would still be sitting here today just about a year later thinking I was on the waiting list; 10 months into my 18-month wait. You have to advocate, and I hate that most people don't know that - they don't know how because if I just sort of trusted the system, I would be in a really bad spot right now and I would be clueless to it."

The current healthcare system is what Ast believes needs attention.

"I don't blame the doctors - I want to be super clear on that," she said. "I blame the system. They're working in a broken system."

Growing up in Manitoba and watching her mother's health journey, the comparative amount of red tape was quite different.

"From stories I've heard, Saskatchewan seems to be considerably worse than most provinces," Ast said. "I'm sure there's a hundred factors, but I've heard that Saskatchewan is worse. I don't remember my mom and sister ever dealing with this amount of red tape to get the healthcare they need."

The next round of testing for Ast happens on Nov. 14, which could form a clearer plan of which direction the actual donation goes. The results of the tests will determine whether or not MacDonald's liver donation will be compatible.

"It's a lot of steps and that's why we both felt the lack of urgency from Saskatchewan Health," MacDonald said. "Everything in Edmonton and the transplant group, the living organ donor group, have been absolutely fantastic. Prompt and getting us whatever information we need to get and everything."

### Hurry up and wait

A call could still come of a possible donor sooner than anticipated. Or Ast might be waiting far longer than expected. Either way, the ring of her cell phone will be akin to a starter's pistol.

"You just live your life with your cell phone on you and volume on high," Ast said. "And you just wait for the call."

There is a window of time for the recipient to decide whether or not to accept the liver or remain on the waiting list for the next opportunity. If the answer is 'yes', then it's off to the nearest airport for an air ambulance to Edmonton.

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# SARM President says there's reason for optimism after trip to Ottawa

By **Connie Schwalm**  
Grasslands News

Last week, SARM travelled to Ottawa to bring the concerns of rural Saskatchewan to the attention of the Federal Government through a series of meetings that SARM President Bill Huber says went “pretty well”.

“I’d have to say that this was one of the better lobby trips we’ve had” says Huber. “Certainly,

there were a large number of meetings that took place. The eight SARM board members and four staff members who went to Ottawa divided into three different delegations to attend 28 meetings, and I attended 12 of those meetings over the three days.”

Huber goes on to say that those meetings provided an opportunity to bring attention to various concerns, such as a large infrastructure project that

was originally announced under a previous Liberal government.

“We talked about things like the Defienbaker Lake Irrigation Project, for example, which is pretty important to us” Huber explains. “That is a \$4.1 billion irrigation expansion project out of Lake Defienbaker that was a federal initiative announced under a Liberal Government several years ago, when Ralph Goodale was an MP in Saskatchewan. Now, it’s finally starting up. The province has put over \$1 billion into the project and is starting construction on canals and other things to get it going.

“Yet now, when the province goes to the federal government for some funding for this project, they are told to approach the Infrastructure Bank and borrow the money. So, we’ve brought this forward here, because the federal government needs to realize that this was a federal initiative and come to the table with some money to help the province complete this project. It’s important for food sustainability in Saskatchewan, for livestock producers and vegetable growers. And it’s also important for expanding the food processing market in small communities like Outlook.”

However, Huber says that “the main thing that we talked about during those three days in Ottawa was trade and tariffs” and

adds that SARM delegates were determined to “emphasize how important agricultural products and the canola industry are to the country’s GDP”.

“The canola industry adds seven per cent to Canada’s GDP while the auto industry, for example, adds two per cent,” he observes. “I’m not saying that the auto industry and those jobs aren’t important. But when the federal government is looking at the impact that trade issues are having and trying to find ways to resolve those issues, they have to be concerned with helping all major industries that are impacted. They can’t focus solely on what matters most in the East.”

Nevertheless, Huber admits that finding a solution that will resolve the current trade dispute impacting the canola industry may well involve finding a way to deal with the larger trade issues currently buffeting Canada also.

“It’s a complicated situation and the solution is not as simple as just having the Prime Minister remove the tariffs on electric vehicles. It was the United States that started tariffs on electric vehicles from China in August of 2024 and the Canadian Government followed suit in March. That’s when the tariffs were imposed by China on canola meal and oil, and then subsequently on canola seed.

“We’re fortunate Kody Blois (the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister) and Premier Scott Moe had a good working meeting in China a couple of weeks ago. They’re working on this in a very collaborative and hopefully produc-

tive way without having to push back too hard against the American president.

“That’s important because no matter what happens with trade, we do need the US to be a trading partner. Not only are they our closest trading partner, but also one of the biggest we have. And they’re critical to our movement of canola oil, meal, livestock products and cereal grains along with a whole host of other things. The Prime Minister really has to sit down and try to talk to the President – if and when the President is willing to do that – in a way that benefits both countries. The agricultural industry in the US is not in any better shape than ours is. They’re suffering too.”

And while the meetings which SARM took part in did not yield any immediate solutions, Huber says that a significant first step was taken.

“We met with several high-level MPs and Opposition members while we were in Ottawa, and you could tell by the tone of the conversation that they’re tired of the same old fight day after day and not knowing what tomorrow will bring too. We also came away with a bit more of an optimistic attitude, because there was a feeling that the people we were talking to were actually hearing our concerns and not just listening to us and hoping we would go away. And when you’re trying to be an effective advocate, being heard is what really matters.”

## Living transplant donor

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“You have to go by yourself, nobody can go with you,” she explained. “People can meet you there, but you fly alone. And so you get air ambulance to Edmonton and you get wheeled into surgery and it all happens very quickly. You have to have a ‘go bag’ ready for whenever it happens.”

Post-surgery will mean a further three months in Edmonton with Ast’s father able to stay with her during the recovery process.

“It takes about three months for them to really iron out the anti-rejection drugs and make sure it’s stable,” Ast said. “Then you’ve got to find a way to pay for rent. There’s some support programs, but it’s a big adjustment.”

The effects of amyloidosis are not noticeable at first glance, but Ast’s tests have proved otherwise.

“Right now, my biggest symptom is fatigue. I’m really, really tired,” she said, noting that the latest information show her kidneys are functioning at 25 per cent. “Fatigue is a huge one that’s really common in kidney failure just because your body’s filling with toxins.”

One resounding lesson Ast and MacDonald have learned from the whole process has been the importance of advocacy.

“The thing is, advocate for yourself and never stop advocating for yourself,” MacDonald said. “If you feel like you’re not being heard or seen, become loud. Become louder. Let people hear you and let people see you. That’s exactly what she did, and I’m proud of her and for what she did do. She really got the wheels really set in motion by not backing down.”

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## Moosomin, Indian Head and Fort Qu'Appelle

# Online lab booking now available for patients in local area hospitals

By GNG Staff  
Grasslands News

The Saskatchewan Health Authority is expanding its online Patient Booking System to include lab appointments in Moosomin, Indian Head, and Fort Qu'Appelle. The system will allow patients to conveniently schedule appointments for blood and urine collection, electrocardiograms, and glucose intolerance testing from the comfort of their home. Booking opens in Moosomin on Oct. 28, in Indian Head on Oct. 29,

and in Fort Qu'Appelle on Oct. 30. Appointments in each community will begin one week after the booking date.

The SHA Patient Booking System is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, offering the fastest way to schedule a lab appointment. To use the online system, patients need a valid provincial health card and either a phone number or email address to receive notifications.

Those who do not see their preferred appointment type or location, or who need assistance, can call the Patient Booking System Call Centre at 1-833-727-5829, Monday

through Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (excluding statutory holidays). Walk-in appointments will continue to be available on a first-come, first-served basis at all testing locations.

For patients without a health card, email address, or cell phone number, telephone booking is available for COVID-19 or influenza vaccinations, as well as lab and ECG appointments. While phone support operates during business hours, website bookings are open around the clock, providing greater flexibility and convenience for patients across the region.



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## Haunted history

The Tudor style pavilions at Fort San were said to be haunted. Despite the buildings having been torn down, paranormal investigators believe the spirits that haunted the place are still there.

# Ghostly legacy of Fort San lives on despite demolition

By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

Where do spirits go when the buildings they haunt are torn down?

For many years before all its pavilions were demolished, the tuberculosis hospital at Fort San was the scene of paranormal activity. On average, 40 people each year died at Fort San during the five decades it was open. After Fort San closed its doors in 1972 it became a convention centre and was used as a summer school for the arts when students at the school began reporting unusual activity. The most frequent was the sighting of a woman wearing a 1920's nurses' uniform who was heard to turn on taps or slam heavy doors in what was then Pasqua Lodge before disappearing down a corridor without a trace. The incidents were so frequent that they were attributed to one "Nurse Jane," who sometimes was said to have appeared in a window after the pavilion was deserted. The

pavilions have all been demolished but there are those who insist the site is still spooked.

"I haven't been there since the pavilions were torn down but the spirits that haunted the place are still there," says paranormal investigator Gwen Lowe. "The buildings may be gone, but Nurse Jane continues to walk through the footprint she is familiar with. That explains why apparitions can walk through walls of any new building that might be built on the site."

Jo-Anne Christensen, the author of *Ghost Stories of Saskatchewan*, believes that "where there are people, there are ghosts. An earth-bound spirit is as likely to haunt a grain elevator as a castle; more likely to haunt a grain elevator if grain elevators make up the landscape. Dramatic events will leave an impression on the open prairies as assuredly as on the misty moors. Saskatchewan has a vivid history that is bound to have left a psychic mark."

Wynn Mcloskey, who has studied paranormal activity has another explanation.

"Spiritual entities which we call ghosts or poltergeists, are conceptual and for want of a better word, "symbolic" - which means that their energy is real. Tearing down a building would have no effect on that spirits concept of what is real and what is not. They remain within the parameters of the buildings they haunt. For all we know, tearing down the physical house might have absolutely no effect on spirits personal version of what the house represents in their layer of reality."

Other self-styled mediums like Vera Straty-chyk believe otherwise.

"Paranormal energy remains focused on one area and exists on a layer of its own. If you sever a ghost's connection to their familiar world their super weird activity is displaced," she explains. "Some spirits can attach themselves to a new host like a bird or an animal or in rare cases, another human being."

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# Volunteer firefighters gather for largest provincial training event

By Ryan Kiedrowski  
Grasslands News

More than 300 firefighters from across Saskatchewan gathered in Swift Current recently for one of the province's largest volunteer fire training events in years, marking a major step forward for skills development and safety in rural fire services.

The Saskatchewan Volunteer Firefighters Association's fall training school drew roughly 330 attendees, including more than 270 registered participants, instructors and dignitaries. Outgoing association president Louis Cherpin said the turnout nearly doubled attendance from previous years.

"It was a significant step up from the last few schools," he said, noting that volunteer departments from across the province — from the northwest to the southeast — were represented. "We had 44 fire departments registered this year. It's definitely a win for the volunteer service in Saskatchewan."

Local departments from Melville, Whitewood, Grenfell, Lemburg, and the RM of McLean took part in the multi-day training event.

There are eight core courses covered Saskatchewan's minimum training standards for volunteer firefighters, introduced three years ago to enhance safety and consistency across departments. Beyond those, fire departments can choose from 15 additional specialized sessions based on local needs and resources. This year's lineup featured advanced training in areas such as live fire operations, low-angle rope rescue and vehicle extrication, skills that are often difficult or expensive for smaller departments to access on their own.

"Each host community can choose courses that make the most sense for them," Cherpin explained. "Some of these smaller fire halls simply don't have the equipment or instructors to offer training like live fire or technical rescue, so this gives them that opportunity."

While the transition to the province's new minimum training standards has brought challenges, Cherpin said most departments view them positively. The standards, he emphasized, are designed to protect firefighters, not to penalize departments that are still working to meet them.

"It's a baseline to build from," he said. "The goal

is always to send every firefighter home safely after every call."

Equipment costs remain a common challenge for volunteer fire departments, especially as newer safety guidelines require gear to be replaced more frequently. Many small-town fire halls rely on hand-me-down equipment or local fundraising efforts to meet safety requirements.

Despite those hurdles, Cherpin said the province's network of volunteer firefighters remains committed and resilient. Events like the Melville training school not only build technical skills but also reinforce the sense of community that keeps volunteer departments going.

Cherpin, who recently stepped down as Fire Chief for the RM of Swift Current after three decades of service, reflected on how firefighting has shaped his life — and those of his family.

"When you're on call, your family's on call too," he said. "When the pager goes off at two in the morning, everyone wakes up. It's a family commitment."

After 30 years on the front lines, he said, "It's different getting a full night's sleep — but it's something I'll have to get used to."



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## Learning the ropes

Approximately 300 firefighters from across the province, including those from several local area departments, took part in one of the largest SVFFA fire schools recently. Here firefighters take part in an SCBA training course.

# Saskatchewan expands powers to target nuisance and unsafe properties

By GNG Staff  
Grasslands News

The Government of Saskatchewan is expanding its ability to tackle problem properties that threaten neighbourhood safety and community wellbeing.

Amendments to The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) Act, announced October 23 and set to take effect November 1, 2025, will give the province's SCAN Unit new authority to identify and address nuisance properties deemed unfit for human habitation.

The changes will allow SCAN officers to seek court orders to either rehabilitate or demolish unsafe buildings — or, in severe cases, seize them entirely.

"We know from talking to police and community leaders the negative impact nuisance properties can have on otherwise thriving neighbourhoods," said Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Tim McLeod, K.C. "By allowing SCAN officers to actively respond to abandoned or dilapidated properties, we are addressing immediate safety concerns. This amended legislation is part of our government's commitment to safe and secure communities across Saskatchewan."

Under the expanded legislation, SCAN will be able to apply to court for two types of orders:

- Rehabilitation orders, allowing the unit to demolish or restore a property while the owner retains the land and covers the costs; and

- Forfeiture orders, which would transfer the title to the government so that SCAN can demolish or restore the property and sell it to recover expenses.

Rehabilitation will be the preferred option, but forfeiture may be pursued if a property has been abandoned or the owner refuses to cooperate.

In addition to the new nuisance property powers, the amendments expand SCAN's reach to include activities such as graffiti and trafficking of stolen property — extending the unit's traditional focus on drug activity, prostitution, and other criminal behaviour.

The province says the intent is not to replace or compete with municipal bylaw enforcement but to step in when properties pose a serious health or safety risk and are not otherwise being addressed.

By equipping SCAN with new enforcement tools, officials hope to reduce the spread of vandalism, squatting, drug use, and other illegal activities that can quickly undermine community safety and property values.

"These legislative changes will help communities deal with the worst problem properties that too often become magnets for crime and decay," McLeod said.

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# OPINION

"For the cause that needs assistance;  
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the future in the distance and  
the good that we can do."

## Sask. government should focus on accountability

By Gage Haubrich  
Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Taxpayers, journalists and opposition politicians need every tool at their disposal to hold the government accountable and find out how taxpayers' money is being spent.

The Saskatchewan government is failing on key areas of accountability to taxpayers. It's not posting the itemized receipts of politicians and top bureaucrat expenses. And when taxpayers look for records themselves, the freedom of information system doesn't have enough teeth to deliver them.

In Saskatchewan, the premier and cabinet ministers currently post semi-annual expenses online. These statements show the purpose of the trip and totals of broad categories of spending.

For example, Premier Scott Moe took a trip to Mexico last year. That trip cost taxpayers \$25,738. The costs included as \$11,507 in airfare, \$7,764 in accommodation, \$2,262 in meals. But the statement only shows totals, not the itemized receipts.

Now, these could be completely justifiable expenses. There are reasons for politicians to travel. But without the receipts, taxpayers have no way of knowing if Moe and his staff billed them for rooms at a Ritz-Carlton or the local Motel 6.

And that's the problem. The only way for a taxpayer or a journalist to access the fine details is to send a freedom of information request to the government. That's the procedure for asking the government for documents it doesn't usually share publicly.

But this freedom of information system has its own set of problems.

You could be stuck waiting more than a month for the information and you may be hit with fees to get information that taxpayers should be able to see for free.

Freedom of information requests are important because they dig up the numbers that politicians aren't showing taxpayers. Without freedom of information requests, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation wouldn't have been able to find out that the City of Saskatoon wasted more than \$300,000 coming up with the name Link for its new bus line.

But right now, the government faces zero consequences for failing to follow the rules.

If the government isn't following the law and providing information, you are forced to file a complaint with the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner. That's the independent official whose job it is to make sure the government is being transparent.

If the commissioner finds that the government is breaking the rules, and, for example, not providing expense receipts for trips, there are no real consequences. The commissioner can't force the government to follow the rules.

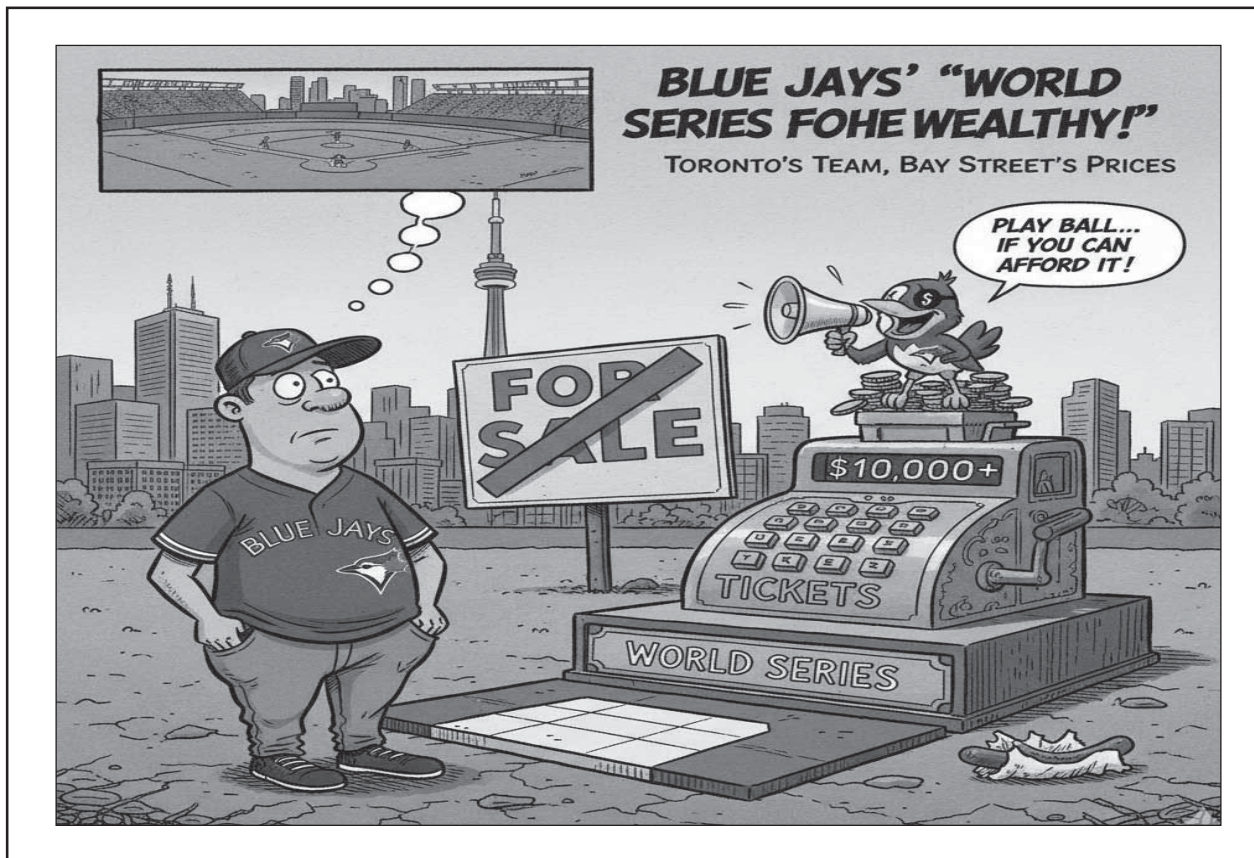
Saskatchewan's former commissioner explicitly asked the government to improve this and follow what other provinces are doing – allow the commissioner to make legally binding orders.

The federal government and the governments of Alberta and Quebec all allow their commissioners to order the government to follow the rules. Saskatchewan needs to do the same.

Right now, the government only fully follows less than half of the commissioner's recommendations. The government totally ignores about 10 per cent of the recommendations.

The government gets thousands of freedom of information requests a year. What information isn't the government providing when it fails to follow the commissioner's recommendation?

The commissioner needs the ability to make legally



binding orders. An enforcement system that the government can choose to ignore isn't worth the paper it's written on.

The NDP introduced a bill last year that would have changed this. The bill amended the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to allow the commissioner to make legally binding orders. The bill never became law.

These changes help taxpayers hold politicians account-

able, and it stops politicians from wasting money in the first place because they know they will have to post the receipts or have the information available through a freedom of information request.

Taxpayers pay the bills and deserve to see and scrutinize how their money is being spent. That starts with the Saskatchewan government posting detailed receipts for politician expenses and empowering the information commissioner to force the government to follow the law.

## What the duck!? — Duck Lake puts its name up for sale

I admit it, when I first heard about this, I thought, "what the duck!?"

The Town historic of Duck Lake made a bold move recently, offering up the naming rights to their community. That's right, for a price, you could own Duck Lake, Sask and name it whatever you want!

"Renaming a town as historic as Duck Lake doesn't come cheap," said Duck Lake Mayor Jason Anderson. "We're not talking about a rink or a stadium here — we're talking about a living, breathing community with deep roots in Canada's story. Brands will need to put their best foot forward if they want to be part of that legacy. Five million won't cut it. But \$10 million? That's worth asking the community about."

To further narrow the focus, the proposed sponsorship would be related to a corporate brand, making for some possibly interesting town names. The town will be accepting tenders until next March, with a new name possibly known by the April Town Council meeting.

Could we see local flavour to the new name; Conexus Credit Union, Sask perhaps? Maybe Riderville will have a new address a couple hours north. Or it could be something obscure like @

Sask? That would really mess with local email naming conventions. Perhaps a company like Apple might decide to buy it on a whim, which I could see people ultimately mispronouncing as Apple Sacks.

In real estate, it's important to look at comparable offers. Duck Lake is looking for at least \$10 million for naming rights, but for a cool \$9.128 million, you could buy Campo, California — a 16-acre hamlet one hour east of San Diego that's home to 100 people.

If the off-grid mountain life is more your fancy, Ticino, Switzerland was fully restored in 2014 and even includes a vineyard; all for \$6.7 million.

Or what about the Lost Mine of Lajitas, Texas? This ghost town comes in at just over \$2.4 million, but who knows — perhaps the big mercury ore boom of the late 1800s and early 1900s might resurface? The mercury mine could turn into a goldmine!

Romania is home to a rich culture, and the village of Fere ti - a traditional settlement in beautiful Muramures County that's a steal at \$1.2 million (and also quite a trek east of Transylvania).

For the budget-conscious folks who enjoy fixer-uppers, then the abandoned fincas of Lugo, Spain might be

for you. It's a small hamlet true to their Galacian roots with a price tag of just over \$120,000.

Getting back to the Duck Lake sales pitch, people began settling in the area during the 1860s and it was even part of the North-West Rebellion as the Battle of Duck Lake happened in 1885. An important intersection for many decades, it's also where the Prince Albert Trail and the Carlton Trail crossed; also the halfway point between Métis headquarters of Batoche and the North-West Mounted Police at Fort Carlton.

Duck Lake is also home to the All Saints Anglican Church, built in the Carpenter Gothic style and dating back to 1896 and one of the oldest buildings in the province.

The biggest selling feature: Duck Lake is home to famed Cree artist Glen Scrimshaw, who set up his gallery there in 1991. Who doesn't have a Scrimshaw print on their wall in this province?

So if you have an extra \$10 million-plus just laying around, why not consider changing this town's name? Or maybe someone will buy it and keep the name the same, but with one of those fancy trademark deals behind it: Duck Lake™.

- Ryan Kiedrowski, GNG

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# Provincial EV tariff motion passes

By Ryan Kiedrowski  
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Both the Sask Party and NDP support modifying the federal tariff on Chinese electric vehicles, with the expectation that this may lead to a reduction in the Chinese tariff on Canadian canola products. During the second day of proceedings in the fall session, an emergency motion from NDP leader Carla Beck asked Premier Scott Moe to call upon the federal government to remove the EV tariff so canola markets could be restored.

"The reality is that Saskatchewan farmers haven't exported a single shipment of canola to China, according to SARM, and the Premier has been slow to respond and missing an action at a time when producers desperately need a champion," Beck told reporters prior to the Throne Speech on Oct. 22. "They need clarity on this issue, and as I have said before and will say again, we need the EV tariffs removed, and we need these tariffs to stop crippling producers in this province. There's no room to waffle, there's no room for nuance, and failure to have these tariffs removed will mean that the legacy of this Premier will be closed canola crushed plants, family farms on the auction block, lost jobs, and shrinking communities."

During debate on the motion on Oct. 23, Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding spoke of the inroads made in Southeast Asia – an area where he visited seven countries in September alone on trade missions. He further stated how other countries such as

Algeria, Japan, Peru, and Italy are starting to be major import destinations for Saskatchewan agriculture commodities.

But China continues to loom large, with Saskatchewan representing 35 per cent of national trade with the country worth \$3.4 billion.

"China is our number two export destination," Kaeding said. "It is a huge market. We've got over 1.4 billion mouths to feed there. US still number one, likely always will be number one just because of the proximity, the integration of the market that we've got between our two countries. But China is the number two and certainly very, very important when it comes to trade in canola."

Kaeding also sought to amend the motion from the NDP, stating that the Assembly calls on the Government of Canada to remove the tariffs and that Premier Moe be commended for not only asking the feds to act, but for being the first premier in six years to lead a trade mission to China.

The opposition NDP were not in favour of the amendment, favouring straightforwardness as opposed to inserting 'political and partisan interests.'

"This is one of those matters where we need to set the politics aside and stand up for this province and the producers who make it strong," said Trent Wotherpoon, NDP Finance Critic, calling the amendment a way to 'fluff the feathers of the Premier'. "And I'm disappointed with that minister because what it does is it weakens our entries. It weakens our entries

because this should be straightforward. There's no reason for us to be sending mixed messages to Ottawa or the world on this matter. It should be clear."

During his statement in the proceedings, Premier Moe reminded those assembled of the bottom-line issue at hand.

"We need to remove the EV tariffs so that we can remove the canola tariffs, the pulse tariffs, and the pork tariffs that are having an impact on Saskatchewan families," he said.

When the question was called, the motion as amended passed 33-24.

Provincial Agriculture Minister Daryl Harrison remains hopeful that the tariff issue will be resolved soon, 'before next year's crop goes in the ground, certainly'.

"The Prime Minister needs to have that discussion," Harrison told Grasslands News. "He actually mentioned it in a scrum about the opportunity to meet with President Xi. I think it will happen and hopefully we can get something constructed then."

The cultural aspect of negotiations with the Chinese is one factor that needs to be respected, as Harrison explained similar levels of government would be required to meet.

"Now that the Premier's gone over to China and I think opened some doors to get the Prime Minister to have a face-to-face conversation with the President of China, that's great," he said. "The Chinese ambassador made it very clear that if we move, they move. So I think the ball's in our federal government's court and the Prime Minister needs to engage."

"They deal level to level, so at the sub-national level, we can have those discussions," Harrison continued. "But when it comes to the country of China, they want to deal with the country of Canada."

The next hurdle the ag minister has his eye on is a review of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement for a deal that benefits Saskatchewan.

"Trade's very important to Saskatchewan, it's very important to Canada, and that's what we've got to keep telling our story," Harrison said. "We certainly got to get a CUSMA deal done and that security that our farmers want and expect, absolutely."

Gene Hauta

## It's a Strange World

Taco Bell is *rethinking its use of artificial intelligence (AI)* to power drive-through restaurants in the US after comical videos of the tech making mistakes were viewed millions of times. In one clip, a customer seemingly crashed the system by ordering 18,000 water cups, while in another a person got increasingly angry as the AI repeatedly asked him to add more drinks to his order. Since 2023, the fast-food chain has introduced the technology at over 500 locations in the US, with the aim of reducing mistakes and speeding up orders. But increased technology doesn't always work. One clip on Instagram, which has been viewed over 21.5 million times, shows a man ordering 'a large Mountain Dew' and the AI voice continually replying 'and what will you drink with that?' Last year, McDonald's withdrew AI from its own drive-throughs as the tech misinterpreted customer orders, resulting in mistakes like bacon being added to their ice cream in error, and another having hundreds of dollars worth of chicken nuggets added to their order.

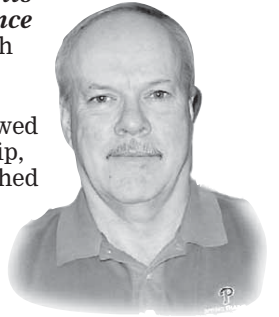
*McDonald's Japan* has postponed a child's menu toy promotion after complaints that a recent Pokémon giveaway led to piles of food being dumped, with the cards then being sold for profit. Earlier, the McDonald's giveaway of limited-edition Pokémon cards with its "Happy Set" meals led to long queues and bulk-buying. The giveaway was planned to last for three days, but many outlets ran out of cards on the first. Japan's Consumer Affairs Agency has told McDonald's it must improve its sales strategy and take steps to improve food waste.

A resort town on France's Atlantic coast is fed up with people *strolling around in their beachwear*. Mayor Yannick Moreau of Les Sables d'Olonne slammed the "indecent behavior" of some visitors, especially topless men. "It's a question of respect for locals who don't want people wandering around their town half naked," said the mayor. "It's also a basic public hygiene rule in our markets, our shops, our streets." Those breaking the law are subject to a fine of \$175. The town's population swells from around 50,000 to almost 300,000 in the summer months, and the Mayor would like to attract visitors who want an "elegant living environment."

Eight skydivers jumped to safety just two minutes before their plane crashed on Australia's south coast, killing the pilot (and skydiving instructor) Paul Smith, who was the only person left on board. The skydivers jumped from about 14,000 feet. A pair of 16-year-old drivers were caught *street racing on Circle Drive in Saskatoon*. They were clocked at speeds of 155 km/h and 153 km/h. They made the mistake of passing an unmarked police vehicle. Both drivers received 7-day license suspensions, 30-day vehicle impoundments, and fines for street racing and speeding totalling \$1,546 and \$1,524. The 'race' started at a north-end high school when one boy threw what turned out to be a very expensive piece of cheese at the other. Pure dangerous stupidity!

Arizona Highway Patrol troopers rolled on an early morning report of a driver going the wrong way on Interstate 40. Troopers soon discovered that the vehicle, a large pickup truck, had been *stolen... from the Flagstaff Police Department*. The driver apparently realized she was going the wrong way and, with police in hot pursuit, she drove across the median to the correct-direction lanes, and continued at a high rate of speed. A short time later, the truck hit a guardrail, "rode" along it, and then rolled over several times and hit a tree. "The impact was so severe that the steering wheel broke off while the vehicle was rolling, and was ejected approximately 50 feet from where the vehicle landed," read the report. Remarkably, the driver and passenger were not seriously injured. The driver failed 6 of 6 sobriety checks, and blood tests at a hospital revealed her blood alcohol level was 0.183 percent — well over double the legal limit...for adults. The driver turned out to be a 13-year-old girl, with an 11-year-old passenger. The teen was charged with DUI. Randy Cassingham sniped, "And 'Grand Theft Auto' was just a video game she plays?"

Until next time, keep reading between the lines.



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# Photographer receives award from OSAC

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

For more than a decade, Tatum Duryba of Paper Moon Photography in Grenfell has volunteered as the photographer for the Organization of Saskatchewan Arts Council's annual Showcase. Last weekend, OSAC recognized Duryba's commitment to the arts by presenting her with a special award. OSAC's 2025 Showcase was held in Regina from Oct. 17 to 19. During the lunch on Saturday, Volunteer Recognition Awards were presented to Duryba and two individuals from the Biggar & District Arts Council, Katelyn Fecht and Stephen Hadden.

Duryba began her career in photography 27 years ago and serves clients in Grenfell and the surrounding area. Prior to

starting her own business, Paper Moon Photography, she worked alongside her father who was a professional photographer for 25 years. Since 1998, Duryba has become well-established as an exceptional photographer, capturing moments for families, dance studios, sports teams and many others.

Her role as the official photographer for OSAC's annual Showcase began in 2014. Musician Travis Switzer, who was raised in Grenfell and has played bass for Dallas Smith, was made aware that the organization needed a photographer. He recommended that OSAC's Executive Director contact Duryba and she gladly welcomed the opportunity to support the arts.

Through her involvement with OSAC's Show-

case event, Duryba has become acquainted with many musicians and performing artists. She enjoys hearing each concert at the Showcase and meeting the performers when she takes photos during the Exhibitor's Lounge after each show. She continues to follow them on social media and attends their concerts in her local area throughout the year.

"Canada is a huge country, but this music scene is so interconnected that all of these musicians know each other, and they play in each other's bands quite often," she observed.

Duryba is glad to support OSAC because it serves as a liaison between performers and community arts councils, arranging show schedules and providing local access to performances in towns across the province.

"OSAC takes care of the logistics of the tour for the musicians. For the most part they are smaller musicians who might not be household names, but they are amazing at what they do and they are so gifted," she commented. "Live music is so valuable for people to engage with in our small communities; being able to see quality performances in a small town is just amazing."

OSAC reciprocates this mindset and greatly appreciates Duryba's support in providing visual documentation of its annual event, stating that "her talent, generosity, and passion for the arts, helps preserve and share the creative spirit of Saskatchewan's arts scene."



**OSAC award** ORGANIZATION OF SASKATCHEWAN ARTS COUNCILS  
Board Member Natasha Hill (left) presented photographer Tatum Duryba (right) of Grenfell with OSAC's 2025 Volunteer Recognition Award.

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# Health minister 'frustrated' with SHA notification gaffes

By Ryan Kiedrowski  
Grasslands News

Notices advising people when the emergency room is temporarily closed – especially in rural communities – have been a common sight over the past several months. So have instances of misdirection to centres that are not providing ER services, such as the Thanksgiving long weekend event that saw people diverted from the closed ER at the Kipling Integrated Health Centre to an equally closed ER at the Arcola Health Centre.

"I've been frustrated, quite frankly," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said during a recent media scrum. "We need to make sure that the Saskatchewan Health Authority is providing accurate and trustworthy information to individuals around the province."

He added having spoken to frontline healthcare workers and municipal leaders about healthcare and how to best transmit notifications.

"They want accurate information on behalf of their residents, whether they live in a small community or large community," Cockrill said. "In November, the Saskatchewan Health Authority is going to be introducing a new notification process for disruptions. Again, we're working closely with the Saskatchewan Health Authority on that process over the last couple of weeks, and we'll have more to say on that in November."

Under the SHA website, a section devoted to Service Disruptions can be found with three listings of temporary health service closures from 2024, 2023, and 2021 respectively. As for listings of temporary closures to emergency rooms, that is commonly left to entities such as the municipality where the affected service outage is located to disperse the information.

"We've seen an eight-fold increase in hospital disruptions in rural and remote Saskatchewan

since this premier has been in power," noted Jared Clarke, the NDP's Rural and Remote Health critic. Their response to the frustrations of getting the word out will be coming to the Legislature in the coming weeks.

"One of the proposals that we are putting forward is a piece of legislation calling on the government to publicly release when hospital closures are happening so that we can eliminate the uncertainty for parents or for community members when they have an emergency to know whether their community hospital is open or closed," Clarke explained, using the Saskatchewan Power electricity outage map as an example of one model to share ER closure information. "This is an issue that could be solved today. There could be transparency for Saskatchewan people who are driving up to their community local hospital only to find a piece of paper on the door telling them that care isn't there. This is a solution that could be implemented today to allow community members and Saskatchewan people to get access to that information immediately."

Cockrill did point out one success story out of the Town of Herbert, which was one of the communities affected by an SHA misinformation snafu.

"We've seen some really good progress this summer on some of the emergency room disruptions we've had," he said. "Let's take Herbert, for example, and we know that Herbert has had many challenges this spring and earlier in the summer. I've been working closely with the Saskatchewan Health Authority, as well as the mayor in Herbert. Him and I have communicated several times, and that's a great example where we were able to bring in our point of care testing system."

Cockrill explained how the Herbert and District Integrated Health Facility was 'having challenges' around their combined lab and x-ray technicians.

"But bringing in that point of care testing enables those folks working in the facility, registered nurses and doctors, to meet some of that work more immediately with-

out necessarily a CLXT on the ground, ensuring that that emergency room can be open to people and available to local residents."

The NDP's Health critic didn't share the idea that closures in rural communities are 'on the up and up.'

"I'm surprised to see him have the gall to make that claim," Meara Conway said of Cockrill's sunny views on healthcare in the province. "We know that these issues are getting worse. We need only consult with frontline communities to know this. What's more, the Minister of Health promised data on this six months ago, said he would show his homework, but we haven't seen anything. So, I challenge the Minister of Health to put forward that information and to be transparent."

"We know that many of these closures in rural communities used to be publicized and it wasn't until the Sask Party put in place that they didn't want these emergency room closures public because it makes them look bad that this practice stopped because of political direction," she continued.



**Frustrated**  
Provincial Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill meets with reporters at the Legislative Building in Regina.

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# Major fraud funds recovered by RM of Edenwold, White City

By Chris Ashfield & Ryan Kiedrowski  
Grasslands News

The Rural Municipality of Edenwold and Town of White City have successfully recovered a significant portion of the nearly \$700,000 lost in a targeted fraud scheme earlier this year.

In a statement released Oct. 23, the RM confirmed that \$377,376.03 of the \$497,000 stolen in the July 29 cyber-fraud incident has now been retrieved from financial institutions involved in the case. The fraudster had electronically impersonated the WCRM158 Wastewater Authority—an entity jointly owned by the RM of Edenwold and the Town of White City—prompting the RM to transfer funds under false pretences.

When the fraud was first discovered, both municipalities immediately alerted the RCMP and their banking institutions. At the time, the Town of White City reported a loss of approximately \$200,000, while the RM's losses were nearly half a

million.

"We sent it to them on July 28th, which was a Monday," explained RM of Edenwold CAO Shauna Bzdel on making what they believed to be a legit payment. "Tuesday morning, we were informed that the Wastewater Authority had in fact been hacked, so we quickly recalled the EFT funds. We contacted our financial institution and recalled the funds."

Recovering even a portion of the funds was not a simple process and involved court proceedings to gain the just over \$377,000 portion.

"The Town of White City was able to minimize our initial loss to approximately \$200,000," said Town of White City Manager Rodney Audette. "Through our Cyber Insurance Policy, the Town successfully recaptured \$195,073.05, resulting in a net impact of around \$5,000."

According to officials, the incident was an isolated and targeted cybercrime that did not involve a breach of internal municipal systems. No personal or rate-

payer information was compromised.

"As the RM of Edenwold also noted, this incident was isolated," Audette said. "We can confirm that there was no breach of the Town's internal security systems, which has been thoroughly reviewed and verified by our IT provider."

Municipal administrators say the recovery marks a major milestone in the ongoing investigation and financial remediation efforts. While the remaining funds have not yet been recouped, the municipalities continue to work with law enforcement and its financial partners to pursue any outstanding amounts.

In response to the attack, the RM has introduced new internal safeguards and updated its operational protocols to reduce exposure to similar threats in the future. Staff-led training initiatives are being expanded to improve employee awareness and early detection of potential fraud attempts.

"Our cybersecurity is actually quite high, but what we have implemented is

basically a two-factor verification process," Bzdel told Grasslands News. "If there is a request for an EFT - a change of account or even setting up an account - we'll receive it via e-mail and then we'll also follow up with a phone call with the account manager or with the vendor; just to make sure that we have all the accurate information so we're actually speaking to a person."

Bzdel recommends other municipalities consider implementing similar procedures.

"Going back to that personal approach, picking up the phone, talking to the person, making sure that this is what they want to do and make sure that the information is correct," she said, adding that another action the RM is to pursue is limiting EFT transfers to match the limits in their insurance policy "to make sure that you're always covered."

"I mean, of course there's premiums that are aligned with that, but it reduces that risk," Bzdel said.

# Odessa Market open in the Community Centre, features over 40 vendors

By Ashley Scarfe  
Grasslands News

While November is just beginning, Christmas is already around the corner — and a new local market in Odessa is getting prepared for their first holiday season. The Odessa Market opened its doors on July 2 and now features products from more than 40 vendors from across Saskatchewan.

Owner Angela Lang operates the space from the Community Centre. Although the shop is new, Lang says her market experience has been years in the making.

"I have had my own business, Live, Love and Lava, for over 10 years," Lang says. "I've always operated at trade shows, or at pop-up locations in the past. So many crafters and makers have that dream of having their own space and this allows me to make that dream come true."

Lang says the opportunity first arose when a small space within the centre became available. It was after repeatedly walking past a larger room in the centre that she began to imagine something more.

"I started in a very small room in the month of June, and it felt a little snug," Lang says. "I also teach classes, and I kept walking by this bigger space and

thought it was a little too big for me, but maybe there were some other vendors or businesses that might like to display their products in the larger room. It has snowballed into an amazing space with just over 40 vendors."

Her vendors come from all over Saskatchewan, although they are located primarily in the southeast.

"We have lots of really local vendors from Montmartre, Vibank, Francis, Sedley, Saltcoats, Yorkton, Lampman, Stoughton, McLean, and Kendal," Lang says. "We have one maker from Saskatoon, but mostly southern Saskatchewan."

Lang started her own business, Live, Love and Lava around 2013. Tired of searching for jewelry that could be used with essential oils, Lang began making her own. She created bracelets and other items that could be easily removed in scent-sensitive spaces.

"That's where the lava comes into my business name," Lang explains. "Because the lava stone is a porous rock, I would incorporate that into my jewellery and the essential oils could go into that. It became a personal diffuser."

From there, Lang says she expanded into other specialized items, such as hand-knotted necklaces, leather-wrapped jewellery, and wire-wrapped earrings. She also does permanent jewellery at a booth in the back of her shop.

The market itself is full of handmade items. From bath products, seasonal decor and clothing, to magic flax seed bags and crocheted items, there is a little something there for everyone.

"I've had some makers who heard about what we are doing here in Odessa, and they've reached out to me," Lang says. "That is how the market filled up. I did have a number of makers I knew just from being a vendor at trade shows and other spaces, and I reached out to them when I was first looking at starting this journey. So a few of them I met at trade shows. I have a vendor that I just met in Indian Head last weekend who came and set up today."

Although the market is now mostly full, Lang says she does have some room for one or two small displays. As the Christmas season approaches, however, that room could fill fast.

"This is such a huge deal for me," Lang says. "Probably the last few years is when I really started seeing myself expanding, getting busier, and wanting

to have that permanent space. The nice thing about what I've created here is I've been able to take the positives that I've experienced, being a vendor in other locations, and created a space that I would have loved to be a part of ten years ago."

Lang says the community support has been phenomenal, and she feels her market has found a home in Odessa.

"The nice thing about The Odessa Market is we have the restaurant so they can come, have lunch, and shop," Lang says.

Upcoming for the market are workshops, classes, and crafting events. In November, Lang has planned a gift certificate sale and a basket draw. A secret Santa program is being developed for December to prepare for the Christmas season.

"I am so thrilled to be here and moving forward," Lang says. "This is a great opportunity, especially in the winter months. When it's cold and icy, we don't like to travel far, so it's nice to have something local."



## Odessa Market

Angela Lang stands in The Odessa Market which opened in July. 40 vendors from across Saskatchewan sell their crafts and products from the space.

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## Town of White City Notice of Discretionary Use Application

**TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to the Town of White City has received a discretionary use application for a proposed mixed-use development located at Parcel Y, Plan 102056093 Ext 1:



The applicant is proposing to develop:

- Proposed two (2) mixed-use buildings (3-story) located in the center of the parcel with surrounding greenspace and parking. One building consisting of a daycare on the main level with twenty (20) residential units above and the other building consisting of commercial use space on the main level with twenty (20) residential units above for a total of forty (40) residential units.

In accordance with the Town of White City Zoning Bylaw No. 581-14, proposed multi-unit dwellings located on a second or higher floor over office, retail, restaurant, café, and personal serve uses on the main floor is a discretionary use within the Highway Commercial/Industrial District – HCI.

Council will consider the discretionary use application at the Council meeting on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 7:00pm. Should you wish to comment on the proposed mixed-use development, please forward your comments in writing to the Town of White City Municipal Office or to townoffice@whitecity.ca by 2:00pm on November 10, 2025.

The proposal may be viewed online at [whitecity.ca](http://whitecity.ca) or at the White City Town Office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Dated at the Town of White City, Saskatchewan this 20th day of October 2025.



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# Conexus, Street Culture Open Café for Regina Youth

By Grasslands News Staff  
Grasslands News

A new café in Regina is serving up more than coffee — it's offering hope, opportunity and support for vulnerable youth.

Conexus Credit Union and Street Culture Project celebrated the grand opening of The Safe on Wednesday, a new café and catering social enterprise located in the main floor of Conexus's head office on College Avenue.

The project is a collaboration between the credit union and the long-established non-profit organization Street Culture Project, which has been operating in Regina for 25 years. SCP provides mentorship, housing and community outreach programs to help youth facing homelessness, addiction and mental health challenges.

The Safe is designed to function both as a café and a training ground, providing hands-on job experience for young people while generating revenue to fund SCP's community programs — including the city's only youth emergency shelter.

Conexus Credit Union is providing the space rent-free, helping the non-profit reduce operating costs and redirect more resources toward youth services. The

partnership reflects Conexus's broader commitment to community investment, which allocates five per cent of the credit union's pre-tax profits to initiatives that help children and youth reach their potential.

Conexus CEO Celina Philpot said the initiative aligns with the organization's values as a Saskatchewan-based credit union focused on both economic and social well-being. She described The Safe as a space that not only supports youth but also strengthens community ties by bringing together employees, entrepreneurs and residents under one roof.

SCP CEO Jeff Dudar said the café is a critical addition to the non-profit's operations. All profits from The Safe will go directly to funding programs for underserved youth, while its employment and mentorship opportunities will help young people gain skills and confidence.

SCP estimates that as many as 10,000 youth in Regina face significant challenges such as homelessness, addiction and mental health issues — often with limited access to stable housing or employment. Dudar said The Safe will help bridge that gap by offering both immediate financial support to SCP's programs and long-term pathways for youth development.

Beyond its social purpose, The Safe is also an eco-conscious café featuring locally roasted, farm-direct Colombian coffee from The Coffee Five Project and a menu developed by an award-winning barista and executive chef. It serves espresso drinks, breakfast sandwiches, and lunch items, and aims to become a welcoming meeting space for the community, including visitors to nearby Wascana Park.

The café has already earned recognition for its innovative approach. Conexus and SCP recently received a \$10,000 grant from Concentra and EQ Bank's Empowering Your Community program, a \$200,000 national initiative supporting social impact projects led by credit unions across Canada.

Philpot said adding the café to Conexus's head office has created a "vibrant space" where staff, entrepreneurs, and young workers come together. The credit union also operates Cultivator, a business incubator for Saskatchewan start-ups, within the same building.

The Safe is now open to the public, offering coffee, food, and a mission: to help Regina's youth build brighter futures — one cup at a time.

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# SPORTS

## Ft. Bison win Smashes at the Stables tourney in Indian Head

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

Indian Head High School senior girls' volleyball team concluded the regular season with its 2025 Smashes at the Stables tournament on Oct. 24 and 25. Teams from five communities attended, with two teams provided by the host school. Participants from Fort Qu'Appelle, Melville, Assiniboia and Rouleau joined the Indian Head girls.

A round robin began mid-afternoon on Friday and play proceeded throughout the following day. On Saturday evening, teams from Fort Qu'Appelle, Melville, Indian Head and Rouleau entered the semi-finals. The host team and the girls from Fort Qu'Appelle won their matches and faced each other in the final game, with Fort Qu'Appelle finishing the tournament in first place.

Girls' volleyball conference tournaments are scheduled for Nov. 1, with regionals the following weekend and provincials set for Nov. 14 and 15.



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### Spike and block

Senior girls' volleyball teams from Indian Head (white shirts) and Fort Qu'Appelle (green shirts) participated in the Smashes at the Stables tournament on Oct. 24 and 25 in Indian Head. Fort Qu'Appelle earned the tournament championship and Indian Head was the runner up.

## CKCS hosts 20th annual volleyball tourney - 16 teams compete

By Sarah Pacio  
Grasslands News

Sixteen teams gathered in the gym at Chief Kahkewistahaw Community School (CKCS) for the 20th annual Canes Classic senior girls' volleyball tournament on Oct. 24 and 25.

Competition began on Friday morning and there was an opening ceremony later that evening, followed by a skills competition. During the opening ceremony, Chief Evan Taypotat described the tournament as the First Nation's "crown jewel," equating its importance to major events like the annual powwow and rodeo. He stated that a primary goal for the tournament is to provide a safe space for young female athletes.

"It costs lots of money to run this. Not many schools can run this. We put a lot of money into it because we want the young ladies to feel safe, want them to have fun. I just want you to come and have fun and leave our community feeling good about yourself," Chief Taypotat commented.

In the spirit of reconciliation, Kahkew-

istahaw welcomed players from Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities including Cowessess, Kawacatoose, Kee-

secoose, Moosomin, Whitewood, Broadview, Grenfell, Lemberg, Balcarres, Weyburn, Gladmar and Davidson. Chief

Taypotat encouraged participants to stay connected with new acquaintances via social media even after the tournament was finished.

"I strongly urge that you add some people to your social friends list - people that aren't normally in your bubble - because even though we are different in skin color, different in religious beliefs, we're all Saskatchewanites," he said. "We all want the same thing: to live long, meaningful lives with good friends and good relations. And at some point in your lives, to your left and to your right, there is going to be an Indigenous person, so we might as well get to know each other a little bit better, right?"

After two full days of play, teams from CKCS, North Valley High School, Davidson and Weyburn met on the court Saturday evening for the final games. The returning champions from Davidson had a decisive two-set win over the Weyburn team, taking home the gold again. After a very close game, North Valley won the bronze game against the home team, with a score of 26 to 24 in the first set and 25 to 21 in the second set.



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### Open ceremonies

Chief Kahkewistahaw Community School hosted the 20th annual Canes Classic Volleyball tournament, Oct. 24 and 25. Tournament champions were the Davidson Raiders and the runners up were the Weyburn Eagles.

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# Fort Knox, Steelhawks, and Storm battle through busy PJHL weekend

By Chris Ashfield  
Grasslands News

It was a full weekend of Prairie Junior Hockey League (PJHL) action for local fans, as the Fort Knox, Moosomin Steelhawks, and Pilot Butte Storm all hit the ice in high-scoring contests that showcased strong offence and goaltending across the southeast.

Fort Knox opened the weekend Friday night with an impressive 6-2 road win over the Regina Silver Foxes at the Doug Wickenheiser Arena. The Knox offence was relentless, firing 53 shots on goal and scoring twice in each period. Shaden Duliak led the charge with two goals and an assist, while Colton Pushie, Taye Shukin,

Tanner Wiens, and Mad-den Wallis also found the back of the net. Kale Gorski earned the win in goal with 16 saves, while Markus Hoffman picked up two assists for Regina. The game was physical throughout, with both teams combining for over 75 minutes in penalties.

Fort Knox kept their momentum rolling Sunday afternoon at the Prairie Co-op Rexentre in Fort Qu'Appelle, skating to a 5-1 win over the Prince Albert Timberjaks. Spencer Copeland had a big night with two goals and an assist, while Jonah Pinel, Tanner Wiens, and Jackson Hofer added singles. Goalie Drew Pereyma turned aside 35 shots for the victory as Fort Knox built a 4-0 lead through

two periods and never looked back.

In Pilot Butte, the Storm hosted the Moosomin Steelhawks on Friday in an all-local matchup that thrilled fans from both communities. Moosomin built a 5-2 lead through two periods and held off a late Storm rally to secure a 5-4 win. Ryan Weaver led the Steelhawks with two goals and an assist, while Norman J. Lacquette added a goal and two helpers. Goaltender Connor Rapley was sharp, stopping 48 of 52 shots. For Pilot Butte, Dryden Jeannot scored twice and Sutter Baily assisted on three goals in a strong offensive showing.

The following night, the Steelhawks were back home in Moosomin but

ran into a red-hot Prince Albert offence, falling 8-2. Norman Lacquette and Malcolm Snooks scored for the Steelhawks, while Brayden Lyons made 46 saves to lead the Timberjaks' victory.

As of October 28, Fort Knox sits atop the PJHL's Bill Johnston Division with a record of 8-2-0 for 16 points and a league-leading 59 goals

for. The Extreme Hockey Regina Capitals follow closely with 15 points, while the Richardson Pioneer Southern Rebels hold third with nine. Moosomin sits fourth at 3-6-1 for seven points, and the Pilot Butte Storm are fifth at 2-7-0 with four points. Regina Silver Foxes round out the division still seeking their first win of the season.

The weekend left all three southeast clubs with reasons for optimism: Fort Knox extended their winning streak, the Steelhawks showed offensive depth, and the Storm proved they can compete with anyone in the league. All three teams return to action this week as the PJHL season continues to heat up.

## Tickets on sale now for 2026 SaskTel Tankard and Bunge Prairie Pinnacle

By Jacob Miller  
Grasslands News

The 2026 SaskTel Tankard and Bunge Prairie Pinnacle is fast approaching with the event scheduled for Jan. 5 to 11, 2026.

The six-day men's and women's curling provincial playdowns will be hosted at the CN Community Centre in Melville.

The events will be held in a joint format with the men's and women's events being held at the same time.

"It's exciting when you're going to host a provincial championship," said Larry Peterson. "We've done it three times before, so we know what to expect."

The event will feature a total of 24 draws including the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals of the men's and women's events.

To make the event run

smoothly, the Melville Curling Club hosted a call for volunteers last week. Peterson said that they had a fantastic turnout and registered 120 volunteers.

"The community, you know, never ceases to surprise me," said Peterson. "All three times before we had the same kind of result, we were able to get all the volunteers we needed in one night."

Tickets for the event are available now. Tickets can be purchased in Mel-

ville at Pharmasave, Cornerstone Credit Union, Melville Chevrolet, City of Melville, Royal Drug Mart and the Melville Advance.

For the first time tickets are also available online at curlsask.ca. Click event tickets and click Melville 2026 to purchase tickets online.

Ticket prices are \$175 early bird full event pass (on sale till Dec. 15), \$200 for the full event pass, \$100 for a three day pass, \$40 for a day pass, and \$20 for a single draw.



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**Knox**  
Prince Albert Timberjaks' goalie Josh Henry was unable to withstand three rapid fire Fort Knox goals in the second period. The game took place in Fort Qu'Appelle on Sunday, Oct. 26.

### Public Notice

RM of Lajord No. 128

Notice of Other Use Application

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 pursuant to Section 55 of *The Planning and Development Act 2007* and as per the regulations of the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 Zoning bylaw No. 2022-13 as amended, intends to consider an other use application as described below:



**Proposed Discretionary Use:** The proposed other use is for a dwelling group in a Country Residential 1 District.

**Affected Lands:** The parcel of land subject to this other use application is located on SE and SW 23-13-16 W2.

**Public Inspection:** Any person may inspect the proposed other use development permit application at the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 office during regular working hours.

**Public Participation:** Council will provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the other use development application on November 13, 2023 at 1:30pm at the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 office.

Issued at the RM of Lajord No. 128 on October 21, 2025.

Lynette Herauf, Chief Administrative Officer

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217 intends to consider the adoption of two bylaws under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*. The RM will establish a new Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

**Intent:** The proposed Official Community Plan bylaw will establish municipal land use policies, goals and objectives for the RM. The proposed Zoning Bylaw will implement land use regulations, establish zoning districts, prescribe permitted and discretionary uses within each zoning district, establish a development permit process, prescribe a process for appeals and provide a provision for amendments.

**Affected Land:** The proposed bylaws will affect all land within the incorporated area of the RM.

**Reason:** The Official Community Plan will provide the RM with direction on development decisions and municipal goals. The Zoning Bylaw will help direct and manage growth and development within the RM.

**Public Inspection:** Any person may inspect the proposed bylaws at the Rural Municipality of Lipton No. 217 office at 226 Main Street Lipton during normal office hours Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Copies are available at cost.

**Public Hearing:** Council will hold a public hearing on December 16th, 2025 at 8 a.m. at the RM office located at 226 Main Street, Lipton, SK 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 the RM of Lipton No. 217 this 31st day of October, 2025.

Ronda Heisler, Administrator

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306-757-0127

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Notice is hereby given under The Tax Enforcement Act that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before the 31st day of December, 2025, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY					Total Arrears	Costs Advertising	Total Arrears and Costs
Part of Lot	Lot	Blk	Plan	Title No.			
Part of Sec	Sec	Twp	Range				
	29-31	02	61948	157390421, 157390432, 157390410	\$3,667.34	\$65.42	\$3,732.76
	23-25	06	61948	136975292, 136975326, 136975348	\$1,769.79	\$65.42	\$1,835.21

Dated this 31st day of October, 2025.

Travis Blanchard, Treasurer

Sports column – Darcy Gross

# Gross Misconduct

Junior hockey can be a puzzling thing at times. One minute you have a team that looks like it's going to rise to the top of the standings and only a few short days later, that same hockey club can look like it'll never come out on the winning side of the column again.

Take our Melville Millionaires for example. The Millionaires have looked like world beaters at times, especially when they handed the Yorkton Terriers a 7-2 defeat in their own building recently.

So far, that's not been the case for the Millionaires who have struggled to win games, dropping a number of contests due to a myriad of factors.

In some of the games, the defence looked like they didn't belong, leaving far too much room on the ice for the opposition to work.

On others, it's been an anemic offence that struggles to put the biscuit in the ol' basket.

If fans, such as myself, can't put a finger of what's going on with the team, and have no idea what to address in terms of a solution, doesn't it stand to reason that it's leaving the coach scratching his head as well?

There have been a number of times the team has taken late game penalties, some of them totally deserved, while others wouldn't have been called in a minor hockey game.

In fact, some of the refereeing has been a cause for concern for a league that is supposed to have great officials.

There have been games where everyone leaving the rink is shaking their heads at the most recent penalty call – or, no call – while on other nights, most of us know that the team got exactly what it deserved.

In recent games, you can see the players are gripping their sticks a bit too tightly, looking like they're prepared for the next play or call that's going to give the team another loss.

They've looked fragile, and anyone who has seen this team knows that this bunch might be a whole lot of things, but fragile shouldn't be one of them.

The team, it seems, is in a slump, and it appears that the recipe to get out of it has yet to be discovered.

If you talk to hockey fans on whether or not they're worried about this latest edition of the Millionaires, most of them are going to say 'no', simply because they've seen teams adopt their coach's methods, and they've seen the team come through with wins, despite not playing their best hockey.

So far, this season has looked a bit different.

It seems like this team has been snake-bit, and every mistake or omission in play that they have, they've been paying for.

Sometimes a team can get away with something and not get hurt by a silly penalty or other error, but this year, things are different.

Every time this hockey club has gotten a late game penalty, they've given up a goal, or lost their momentum.

Some of those penalties have been deserved, while others seemed to have come out of thin air, and almost looked designed to hand the Millionaires a loss.

At their most recent home contest, the team gave up eight powerplay goals.

While it would be difficult to overcome that, the major issue with it, is the team probably deserved to be on the their own powerplay for some of them, instead of killing yet another penalty.

While I'm certain that referees don't carry grudges into the rink with their skates and equipment, it certainly has, at times, looked like officials had an axe to grind with the Millionaires, while the other side got a free pass until the games were out of reach.

Whether that's the case or not, this team needs to grab some shovels and dig their way out of this hole they've put themselves in.

No team wants to be staring down a must-win situation to get into the playoffs, but, for every loss a team suffers at the beginning of the schedule, that's another game a team will look back and say 'what if'.

Hopefully, these guys can figure it out before people begin to think they can't compete with the best teams in the league, because they certainly can.

It's definitely time to string some wins together and start climbing up the standings.

Sometimes that first rung is the toughest one to get your foot on.

They're going to get their mojo back. It just needs to happen soon.

# Millionaires bitten by Wolves and Wolverines

By Darcy Gross  
Grasslands News

The Melville Millionaires played three games on the weekend and while they won a game, it feels like they could have had more.

The Mills knocked off the LaRonge Ice Wolves in a contest on Oct. 25 and the next day, gave up a couple of late goals to lose a 4-3 advantage and drop a 5-4 decision to the Wolves.

## Melville Millionaires 4 at LaRonge Ice Wolves 5 (Oct. 26)

Devin Winder's third minor penalty of this match-up set the stage for the Ice Wolves, who scored once with the powerplay and again while the teams were at even strength in a span of 31 seconds, to take home a win over the Mills.

It was a back-and-forth contest, with the home side leading 2-0 after the opening frame and the game all square after 40 minutes thanks to a pair of second period markers by the Millionaires.

Kale Margolis had a solid outing for the Millionaires, notching a point on every Melville tally and ending the day with his fifth and sixth goals of the season and two helpers.

Matthew Edwards chipped in with his second goal of the campaign and an assist with Rylan Oatman setting up a couple of Melville goals.

Jackson Lee rounded out Melville's scoring with his sixth.

Fuzz Aafedt got the start in net for the visitors and he kicked out 29 of the 34 shots he faced as the Millionaires fired 31 pucks at the LaRonge cage.

The Millionaires were whistled for five of the contest's seven minor infractions.

## Melville Millionaires 3 at LaRonge Ice Wolves 1 (Oct. 25)

Each team got on the scoreboard in the first period with the Millionaires taking control late, scoring twice

in the third stanza to earn two points with the road victory.

Oatman led the way for the Millionaires, notching his fourth goal and an assist, Preston Baerwald fired his third of the season with Winder potting his sixth to round out Melville's scoring.

Yibin Yoo, Lee, Boston Harkness and Margolis each contributed an assist.

The Millionaires outshot the Wolves 37-23 with Noah Sinagowitz earning the victory between the pipes.

The Ice Wolves were collared for 11 of the game's 20 minor infractions.

## Melville Millionaires 3 at Warman

### Wolverines 6 (Oct. 24)

The Millionaires started off strong in this contest, leading 3-2 after two periods before completely falling apart in the third, as the Wolverines scored four times to earn the win.

Yibin Yoo, Jackson Lee and Boston Harkness took care of the Millionaires scoring with assists coming from Wesley Olson, Winder, Margolis and Grady Carmichael.

Aafedt faced a lot of rubber in his first start in net as a Millionaire, making 44 saves while Melville skaters tested the Wolverines' net-minders 31 times.

The teams split 12 minor penalties with the Mills also getting the gate for a major and three of four misconducts.

Coach Doug Johnson heads back to his old stomping grounds as the Millionaires take on the Hawks in Nipawin on Oct. 31.

On Nov. 1, the Millionaires are back on home ice to tangle with the Battlefords North Stars.

The Millionaires head to Weyburn to face off with the Red Wings on Nov. 7 and the next night, the two teams do it all again at the CN Community Centre in Melville. Game time is 7 p.m.



## Fort Knox Hockey Game Schedule

Home/Away Games

**NOVEMBER:**  
01- Fort Knox at PB Storm 7:45  
02- S'toon Westleys at Fort Knox 3 pm  
05- Fort Knox at RPS Rebels 7:30  
07- Fort Knox at Moosomin 8 pm  
09- Martensville at Fort Knox 3 pm  
15- Fort Knox at Regina Caps 7:45  
20- Reg. Silver Foxes at Fort Knox 7:30

## Pilot Butte Storm Game Schedule

Home/Away Games

**NOVEMBER:**  
01- Fort Knox at PB Storm 7:45  
02- PB Storm at Capitals 6:45  
07- PB Storm at Thunder 7:30  
08- PB Storm at Timberjaks 7:30  
13- PB Storm at Silver Foxes 7:45  
15- Quakers at PB Storm 7:45  
19- PB Storm at Royals 8:00

## Wolseley Mustangs Game Schedule

Home/Away Games

**NOVEMBER:**  
02- Wolseley at Regina (Al Ritchie) 3:55  
08- Regina at Wolseley 8:00  
14- Emerald Park at Wolseley 8:00  
15- Wolseley at Caronport 8:00  
22- Davidson at Wolseley 8:00  
28- Emerald Park at Wolseley 8:00

## Melville Millionaires Jr. A Hockey Game Schedule

Home/Away Games

All Games 7 p.m. unless otherwise stated  
**OCTOBER:**  
31- Melville at Nipawin  
**NOVEMBER:**  
01- Battlefords at Melville  
07- Melville at Weyburn  
08- Weyburn at Melville  
11- Estevan at Melville  
18- Nipawin at Melville  
21- Melville at Yorkton  
22- Yorkton at Melville

## Bowling Scores, Standings - Melville Bowl Arena

MONDAY P.M. Oct. 27	THURSDAY YBC Oct. 23
Ladies' High Single, Triple and Average, Angela Dobson, 197, 500, 162.	Girls High Single and Triple, Emmi Hollinger, 200, 598.
Men's High Single, Triple and Average, Joe Wu, 255, 615, 187.	Boys High Single and Triple, Braxton Hollinger, 277, 562.
Team High Single and Triple, Stephens 838, 2335.	Team High Single, Hollinger, 886.
<b>Team Pts.</b>	Team High Triple, Curylo, 2478.
Ostlund 19	<b>Team Pts.</b>
Dobson 16.5	Curylo 16.5
Bender 16	Wurts 18
Stephens 10.5	Kohlenberg 11.5
	Hollinger 10
MONDAY COMMERCIAL Oct. 27	SATURDAY YBC Oct. 25
Ladies' High Single, Brittany Boyarski, 275. Ladies' High Triple and Average, Brandy Lechner, 713, 230.	Girls High Single and Triple, Laura Smidt, 104, 300.
Men's High Single and Triple, Isaac Hollinger, 307, 776. Men's High Average, Destin Kohlenberg, 216.	Boys High Single and Triple, Aiden Lavergne, 220, 601.
Team High Single and Triple, Professional Amateurs, 1403, 3868.	Team High Single and Triple, Bowling Superstars, 965, 2697.
<b>Team Pts.</b>	<b>Team Pts.</b>
Pinheads 22	The Enders 17
Professional Amateurs 21	Bravehearts 16
Gutter Girls 21	Everything's 12
	Bowling Superstars 11
TUESDAY YBC Oct. 21	
Girls High Single and Triple, Amzlee Patterson, 157, 439,	
Boys High Single and Triple, Jakob Unterschute, 200, 498.	
Team High Single and Triple, Squishmellows, 857, 2414.	
<b>Team Pts.</b>	
Squishmellows 16	
Everything's 12	
Bowl Kings 12	

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# Sister Bernadette Feist receives prestigious award



By Alan Hustak  
Grasslands News

Sister Bernadette Feist is the recipient of this year's prestigious Philip Neri Award given by Catholic Missions in Canada in recognition of her lifelong contribution to the Native Valley Ministry.

Feist spent 45 years building relationships and providing pastoral care to 27 First Nations in Treaty 4 Territory.

"She started a beautiful native ministry program that brings together people of all walks of life, church goers and non-church goers alike," said Arlene Johnson, a volunteer co-ordinator who is a member of the Peepeekisis First Nation.

"She provided not only

food but fellowship that feeds the soul."

Sister Bernadette supervised the renovation of churches that were deteriorating, was also the curator of the Lebret Museum, started her own newsletter and inaugurated a Friday afternoon luncheon program for the community. Among her many honours is the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee medal.

Originally from Berthel in North West Saskatchewan she was educated at St. Angela's Academy in Prelate where she joined the Ursuline sisters. She obtained an education degree from the University of Saskatchewan and taught school in LaLoche for eight years before she came to Fort Qu'Appelle as a lay minister in 1989.

She moved to Lebret in 1992. She retired two years later and moved to Saskatoon where she is said to be writing her memoirs.

"When I began, ministry was still among the people. Right now there is too much animosity and (ministry) is in an unbalanced state," she says.

"For every story of pain caused by the residential school experience, there are positive stories, stories of joy.

Every story of pain in the book will be balanced with a story of joy. We need to listen to different voices and share stories that balance ministry. I did not see in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, that stories of joy were allowed to be expressed."

## Feist Honoured

Sister Bernadette Feist with her prestigious award in recognition of her contribution to Native Valley Ministry.

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## Employment Opportunities

Rural Municipality of McLeod No. 185

### Operating Foreman

The RM of McLeod No. 185 is currently accepting applications for the position of Operating Foreman.

#### Position Summary:

Reporting to the Administrator and Council, the Operating Foreman is responsible for the day-to-day management, maintenance, and operation of all RM infrastructure in accordance with the policies and objectives of Council. This role involves managing a team in addition to performing operational duties.

#### Key Responsibilities (include but are not limited to):

- Oversee, coordinate and conduct maintenance and construction of municipal roads, culverts, and other infrastructure.
- Supervise and schedule work for municipal staff and equipment operators.
- Inspect roads and infrastructure, identify maintenance needs, and report findings to Council.
- Operate and maintain heavy equipment as needed (e.g., graders, loaders, mowers, trucks).
- Ensure safe work practices are followed and all equipment is maintained in good working order.
- Assist with budgeting and planning for roadwork and equipment requirements.
- Maintain accurate records of work completed, equipment usage, and employee hours.
- Communicate effectively with RM Council, employees, and Administrator.

#### Qualifications:

- Valid Class 1 Driver's License
- Previous experience in a supervisory or foreman role, preferably in a municipal or construction setting.
- Strong working knowledge of municipal infrastructure and road maintenance.
- Experience operating and maintaining heavy equipment.
- Strong leadership, organizational, and communication skills.
- Mechanical aptitude or certification is considered an asset.
- Ability to work independently and with a team.

#### Wages and Benefits:

Wages will be negotiated based on experience and ability. The RM offers a competitive benefits package.

#### How to Apply:

Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume, including work experience, certifications, and references to:

RM185@sasktel.net or in person: 102 Main Street, Neudorf, SK.

Application Deadline: November 7, 2025

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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#### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

238 - 3rd Ave. E.  
Office Ph. 306-728-2551  
Office Hours: Mondays  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Clergy: Deacon Kevin Prouten  
www.stpaulsmelville.ca  
**Sunday, Nov. 2:**  
2:00 p.m. Worship Service  
and Sunday School  
**Tuesday, Nov. 4:**  
2:00 p.m. SPCW Meeting  
\* \* \*  
-- at Neudorf/Lemberg --  
**Sunday, Nov. 2:**  
\*9 a.m. Worship at Trinity Lemb  
\*11 a.m. Worship at Christ Neud

#### ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH

Corner 6th Ave. E. & Main St.  
306-720-0589  
\*Services Every Second Sunday

**Nov. 2:**  
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

#### FIRST UNITED CHURCH

5th Ave. E. & King St.  
Rev. Brian Mee, 306-335-7611  
website: firstunitedmelville.org

**Sunday, Nov. 2:**  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
with Rev. Brian Mee  
Shared Lunch

#### THE RIVER CHRISTIAN CENTER

(A Church with a Caring Heart)  
800 Prince Edward St.  
(Melville Comm. Works)  
Ph. 306-728-2347  
Pastor Tim Oehler

**Sundays:**  
9:55 a.m. Pre-service Prayer  
10:00 a.m. Coffee and Welcome  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
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#### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

258 - 10th Ave. W.  
Ph. 306-728-3971  
Pastor Ronald Shumba  
facebook.com/gslcmelville

**Oct. 30:** 6:00 p.m. Bible Study  
**Oct. 31:** 7:00 p.m. Youth Group  
**Nov. 2:** 9:15 a.m. Choir  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

#### ST. GEORGE'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Corner of 3rd Ave. E. & Manitoba St.  
Fr. Basil Malowany  
basimalowany@gmail.com  
306-540-5102

**Sunday, Nov. 2:**  
4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy  
**Sunday, Nov. 9:**  
4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

#### MELVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

473 - 8th Ave. W.  
Office Ph. 306-728-5022  
Pastor Jon Pettinger  
Associate Pastor: Jesse Darby

**Sunday:**  
Connections at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Service at 11 a.m.  
Online services can be found at:  
www.melvillebaptist.com

#### BETHANY EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY CHURCH

5th Ave. W. & Queen St.  
Church Office Ph. 306-728-5001

**Sunday, Nov. 2:**  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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729 Main St. - Office  
Ph. 306-728-5702  
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111 - 8th Ave. W.  
Father Melchor Samonte  
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**Sunday Mass:** 10:00 a.m.

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Ph. 306-728-5689

Email: zlcpcastor@myaccess.ca  
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**Sunday, Nov. 2:**  
11:00 a.m. No Service

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Thursday - Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.  
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Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Youth Group - 7 p.m.  
Rev. Dr. James R. Graham

#### ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Tomy Mandapatil  
**Sunday, Nov. 2**  
No Information Available

#### ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

**Sunday, Nov. 2:**  
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
All Saints' Day

#### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, WAPELLA

**Sunday, Nov. 2:**  
12:00 Noon Communion Worship  
with Lunch to Follow

#### WHITEWOOD UNITED CHURCH

**Sunday, Nov. 2**  
No Worship Service

### Indian Head Church Welcomes You

#### ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

801 Buxton St. - Indian Head, SK  
306-695-3838

\*Sunday Services 11 a.m.\*  
\*Family Play Group -  
Mondays, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon  
\*Living with Cancer Support Group  
2nd Tuesday of the Month



### Kipling Churches Welcome You

#### KIPLING CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

417 3rd Street South  
Office: 306-736-8268

\*Sunday Services 10 a.m.\*  
email: pipestoneparish@sasktel.net

#### KIPLING UNITED CHURCH

102 Nelson Ave. - 306-736-2237  
email: kwpc@sasktel.net

\*Services Held 1st and 3rd Sundays  
at 9:30 a.m. Minister will vary\*

#### KIPLING PEOPLE'S CHURCH

701 3rd Street - 306-736-8992  
Website: [kiplingpeopleschurch.com](http://kiplingpeopleschurch.com)  
Pastors: Kevin & Merodee Hassler  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship and  
Children's Ministry

#### ST. ANNE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

418 First St., Kipling  
Priest: Father Joseph Villamartin  
306-538-2163  
**Sunday, Nov. 2:**  
Mass 11:00 a.m.

#### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday Worship  
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Lay Person/Service Leader  
306-736-2479  
bkbernat@gmail.com

#### PARKLAND BIBLE CHURCH

309 3rd. St. South, Kipling  
306-736-2421  
parklandagc@sasktel.net  
Pastor Stephen Luff

**Sunday:** 10 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
**Wednesday:** 10 a.m. Mom's Group

### Fort Qu'Appelle Churches Welcome You

#### VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH

Fort Qu'Appelle  
**Sunday service 10:30 a.m.**  
Service is also available on YouTube  
and will be livestreamed  
306-900-0600  
Fort Qu'Appelle - valleyalliance.ca

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**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
202 Bay Ave. S.,  
Phone - 306-551-6213  
Hall Contact - 306-563-7451

#### ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

194 Bay St., Fort Qu'Appelle  
Rev. Jo Mader, 306-332-4455  
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## Obituary

**Lauralee 'Barb' Hayes-Shackleton**  
May 7, 1966 - Oct. 12, 2025



On May 7, 1966, in Wawota, Sask, Lauralee entered this world.

She was daughter to Roy (Nov. 9, 2021) and Eleanor (July 15, 1999) Hayes, and younger sister to Bruce. She was a daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend to many of us.

She was an avid figure skater at an early age, known for her adventurous attitude, love for animals, and willingness to help when needed.

She did many of things. She was a babysitter for some, a cook for others, (her puffed wheat squares or chocolate cakes were some of our favorites), a farm hand at times, and later on a Class 1 driver. She drove water tanker for R&B Hayes trucking, the family business.

She married Robert Shackleton on Oct. 8, 1988, but they later parted ways.

In spring of 2015, she and Roy decided to head to the mountains for a visit with the Cameron side of the family. It was here they both stayed for the rest of their days. Barb was known to the Cameron crew for her baking. She spoiled them all with cookies, cakes and Rice Krispie squares. She always had fresh coffee brewing, no matter the time of shift.

She was always excited if Crystal, Joe and the boys were leaving town for a few days as it meant she would get to spend time with the cats, dogs and chickens. She had a constant Amazon supply of treats arriving monthly as well.

She lived a simple life. She was never one to appear fake. She was who she was and if you didn't like her, too bad for you. But, if you were in her circle, she would go above and beyond for you.

Rest easy Barb... you'll be missed!

Memories and condolences can be shared at [cherishedmemoriesfs.com](http://cherishedmemoriesfs.com)

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## Memoriam



**MAURER** - In loving memory of Arlin who passed away Oct. 30, 2023.

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Doreen, Dale and Rodney

## Memoriam



**Brenda Ulmer**  
Jan. 28, 1964 - Nov. 1, 2015

Time helps people forget their pain.  
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You are in our prayers and thoughts day and night,  
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FORM 6  
SALE BY TENDER  
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**Property Description:**  
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\*\*Lot 5 Block 7 Kennedy, SK Plan N334 Extension 0, Title 154658773.

SEALED TENDERS must be submitted in an envelope marked "Property Tender" addressed to the Village of Kennedy: Box 93, Kennedy, SK S0G 2R0. Tenders must be postmarked by 3:00 p.m. on Nov. 30, 2025. Highest, or any tender, not necessarily accepted. Successful bidder will have 90 days to provide payment of the property purchase.

Dated the 15th of October, 2025.  
Jennifer McMillan  
Administrator  
Village of Kennedy

## Province Wide

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I can not begin to express how grateful I am for the kindness of so many people helping me through this last couple of months before Rob passed away and after. I do not know how I would have managed. Your kindness, spiritually, mentally and financially, truly is overwhelming.

Thank you to the Whitewood United Church for all their help before and after. Thank you to Matthew's Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate services.

Thank you to all Rob's dear friends. Their support has been over the top-helpful and "very much appreciated."

My dear friends, Pam, Helen, Fern, we have been friends for many years - you are like sisters. I could not have gotten through without you all!!

Shirley and Allie Edwards, keeping me in your home, driving me back and forth to hospital, feeding me, thank you so much.

Thank you to the whole community. I know Rob, Dad and Mom are truly grateful as well.

- Laurie Johnson

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# RCMP warn public of lottery scam

By Chris Ashfield  
Grasslands News

Broadview RCMP are warning residents to be on alert for an ongoing phone scam involving individuals falsely claiming to represent the STARS Home Lottery.

According to police, a man has been calling people repeatedly, claiming they have won a STARS Home Lottery prize package. The caller then in-

structs the "winner" to purchase and send gift cards in order to claim their supposed prize.

"This is a scam," RCMP stressed. "If you have never purchased a STARS Home Lottery ticket, there is no chance of winning."

Even for those who have legitimately purchased tickets, police emphasize that STARS Home Lottery would never ask winners to send payment or personal information to receive their prize.

Residents are urged to remain vigilant and never share personal or finan-

cial details such as bank account information, credit card numbers, or social insurance numbers with unsolicited callers.

Anyone who believes

they have been targeted or has provided information to the scammer should contact their local RCMP detachment or the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.



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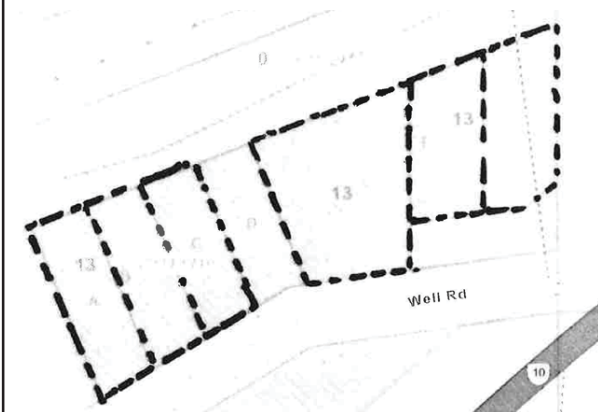


## PUBLIC NOTICE

Rural Municipality of  
North Qu'Appelle No. 187  
Amend Zoning Bylaw 13-08

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle No. 187 intends to adopt a bylaw under The Planning and Development Act, 2007 to amend Bylaw #13-08 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

**INTENT:** The proposed bylaw will allow for a rezoning of the land described below from RR-Resort Residential District to C-Commercial District and allow for further development of a warehouse facility.



**AFFECTED LAND:** The affected land in the NE 1-21-14 W2 is legally described as

1. Blk/Par 13, Plan No. CD1379 Ext 22
2. Lot A, B, C, E, and F Block 13 Plan No. 87R42810 Ext 0 As shown on the above map.

**REASON:** The reason for the amendment is to change the use to commercial zoning for permitted uses.

**PUBLIC INSPECTION:** Any person may inspect the bylaw at the municipal office at 136 Company Avenue S, Fort Qu'Appelle between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at a cost.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Council Chambers located at 136 Company Avenue S, Fort Qu'Appelle. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. The Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing.

Issued at Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle, October 24, 2025

Charmain Wowk,  
Chief Administrative Officer

## FOR RENT BY TENDER

Located in RM of Abernethy #186:

- NE 22-20-10 W2
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All section 23-20-10-W2

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Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Please submit a certified cheque for \$2,500.00 with tender, payable to Lewans & Ford in Trust and in a clearly marked envelope "BARNSELY RENT TENDER".

Tenders will close Friday November 21st, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

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Election for Board Trustees

Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division Board No. 212

City of Melville – at large position

Public Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with subsection 78(a) of *The Local Government Elections Act, 2015*, at the close of nomination on October 22, 2025, that the Board Member vacancy for the Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division No. 212 By-Election which is set to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, has been filled by acclamation by the following candidate:

**Jamie Karakochuk – City of Melville at large**

I declare that this is an accurate statement of the office as acclaimed.

Dated this 23<sup>th</sup> day of October,

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# Young entrepreneurs from Indian Head, Melville and Moosomin receive provincial bursaries

By GNG Staff  
Grasslands News

The entrepreneurial spirit is thriving across southeast Saskatchewan, with several young business owners from the Grasslands News coverage area among the 57 recipients of this year's Saskatchewan Young Entrepreneur Bursary.

The \$5,000 awards were announced this week by Trade and Export Development Minister

Warren Kaeding and Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce CEO Prabha Ramaswamy.

The bursaries are designed to help young entrepreneurs aged 18 to 35 build and expand small businesses that have been operating for less than 10 years.

Among the local entrepreneurs recognized this year are Randy Longman, owner of Longman Painting Ltd. in Indian Head; Dallan Fendelet, operator of Dallan's Diamond De-

tailing in Melville; Kaylee Miller owner of Insightful Growth Pathways in Langenburg; and Tia Cederstrand, owner of Third Avenue on Main Jewelry and Florals in Moosomin. Each of these young business owners will receive \$5,000 to help grow their ventures — part of a province-wide investment of \$1 million over three years aimed at strengthening Saskatchewan's small business sector.

The bursary program, delivered by the Sas-

katchewan Chamber of Commerce and funded by the Government of Saskatchewan, attracted 326 applications from across the province.

Applicants represented a wide range of industries including health care, construction, agriculture, recreation, and wellness.


Minister Kaeding praised the success of young entrepreneurs, saying, "It is encouraging to see Saskatchewan's next generation of entrepreneurs contributing to the economic success of our province." Chamber CEO Ramaswamy added, "Through this program, we are proud to create opportunities for young leaders to grow, collaborate, and contribute to a stronger provincial economy."

Small businesses are the backbone of Saskatchewan's economy, representing 98.8 per cent of all businesses and employing over 30 per cent of the province's workforce.

In 2024, Saskatchewan was home to 154,278 small businesses, ranking second in Canada on a per-capita basis.

The bursary program helps sustain this growth by giving young entrepreneurs the resources and confidence to expand their operations, hire locally, and strengthen community economies across the province.

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### TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

#### Village of Grayson Province of Saskatchewan

Notice is hereby given under the *Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before the 19th day of December, 2025, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

NOTE: A sum for advertising costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

Description of Property				Total	Advt.	Total
Lot/Block/Plan	Title #	Arrears	Costs	Arrears	Costs	Arrears & Costs
1-2 3 B5520	106858952	\$1,054.85	\$74.25	\$1,129.10		
	106858963					

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2025.

Colleen Stinson, Treasurer

### TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

#### RESORT VILLAGE OF FORT SAN PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before December 31, 2025 an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

Description of Property	Title	Total Arrears*	Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
LOT 7-BLK/PAR E-PLAN FL2852 EXT 42	139598511	\$1,838.08	\$522.00	\$2,360.08

\* On January 1, 2026 the 2025 taxes will become arrears and be added to the amount required to remove the property from tax enforcement proceedings. Penalty is calculated to the date of the Notice and will continue to accrue as applicable.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2025. Amy Railton, Chief Administrative Officer

### TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

#### RM of Grayson No. 184 Province of Saskatchewan

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before December 31, 2025, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

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Description of Property	Title #	Total Arrears	Costs	Total Arrears & Costs
NW 19-20-05-2 EXT 0	143474272	\$926.66	\$330.00	\$1,256.66
NW 30-20-05-2 EXT 0	143474092	\$818.76	\$330.00	\$1,148.76
SW 30-20-05-2 EXT 0	143474148	\$812.75	\$330.00	\$1,142.75
SW 30-20-05-2 EXT 0	143474553			
NE 24-20-06-2 EXT 0	143474339	\$738.65	\$330.00	\$1,068.65
NW 07-21-04-2 EXT 0	143474430	\$642.32	\$330.00	\$972.32
SW 07-21-04-2 EXT 21	143474227	\$775.23	\$330.00	\$1,105.23
SW 07-21-04-2 EXT 22	143474205			
NE 04-21-05-2 EXT 0	143474238	\$799.65	\$330.00	\$1,129.65
NE 08-21-05-2 EXT 0	143474520	\$804.87	\$330.00	\$1,134.87
SE 08-21-05-2 EXT 0	143474171	\$776.16	\$330.00	\$1,106.16
NW 09-21-05-2 EXT 0	143474182	\$863.22	\$330.00	\$1,193.22
SW 14-21-05-2 EXT 0	143474441	\$903.05	\$330.00	\$1,233.05
SW 16-21-05-2 EXT 0	143474485	\$809.96	\$330.00	\$1,139.96
BLK/PAR A-PLAN 101666426 EXT 11	151104383	\$853.85	\$424.00	\$1,277.85
BLK/PAR A-PLAN 102001622 EXT 0	138122423	\$495.98	\$424.00	\$919.98
LOT 14-BLK/PAR A-PLAN 59M00155-1 EXT 0	108667604	\$92.25	\$424.00	\$516.25

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Dated this 22nd day of October, 2025. Sarah Dietrich, Administrator

### TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

#### RM of McLeod No. 185 Province of Saskatchewan

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Description of Property	Title No.	Total Arrears	Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
NE 17-19-07-2 EXT 91	155525946	\$568.24	\$445.00	\$1,013.24
NE 21-19-07-2 EXT 56	144678819	\$206.80	\$379.00	\$585.80
NE 21-19-07-2 EXT 60	144678796			
SE 21-19-07-2 EXT 54	144678875	\$619.39	\$379.00	\$998.39
SW 21-19-07-2 EXT 55	144678831	\$528.55	\$379.00	\$907.55
BLK/PAR A-PLAN 101281553 EXT 72	107177294	\$5.07	\$329.00	\$334.07

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Dated this 23rd day of October, 2025. Chantelle Ottenbreit, Administrator

### TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

#### TOWN OF CUPAR PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before December 30, 2025, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

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Description of Property	Title	Total Arrears*	Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
LOT 13-BLK/PAR 4-PLAN D4304 EXT 0	154036841	\$3,559.33	\$471.00	\$4,030.33
LOT 4-BLK/PAR 5-PLAN EX1023CNV EXT 73	157681020	\$1,820.18	\$471.00	\$2,291.18

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Dated this 24th day of October, 2025. Aimee Germain, Acting CAO

### TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

#### Rural Municipality of Stanley No. 215 Province of Saskatchewan

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before December 31, 2025, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

Description of Property	Title Number	Total Arrears*	Cost	Total Arrears and Costs
SE 16-23-07-2 EXT 0	112272331	\$4,187.24	\$435.00	\$4,622.24
BLK/PAR A-PLAN 101403010 EXT 0	152900388	\$754.15	\$435.00	\$1,189.15
BLK/PAR A-PLAN 101971087 EXT 0	151139516	\$906.62	\$435.00	\$1,341.62
LOT 1-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN X1008 EXT 0	144325740	\$1,586.62	\$435.00	\$2,021.62
LOT 2-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN X1008 EXT 0	144325751			
LOT 3-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN X1008 EXT 0	144325762			
LOT 1-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN X1008 EXT 0	123310134	\$2,505.70	\$435.00	\$2,940.70
LOT 2-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN X1008 EXT 0	123310145			
LOT 1-BLK/PAR 7-PLAN X1008 EXT 7	123310572	\$13,955.21	\$435.00	\$14,390.21
LOT 3-BLK/PAR 7-PLAN 101607252 EXT 6	123310561			
BLK/PAR A-PLAN AJ4473 EXT 0	127134402	\$5,876.15	\$435.00	\$6,311.15
BLK/PAR B-PLAN AX1107 EXT 0	127134446			
BLK/PAR A-PLAN 102403314 EXT 0	156611112	\$1,624.32	\$435.00	\$2,059.32

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Dated this 24th day of October, 2025. Rhonda Schmaltz, Acting Administrator

### TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

#### Resort Village of Melville Beach Province of Saskatchewan

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before December 31, 2025, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

Description of Property	Title Number	Total Arrears*	Cost	Total Arrears and Costs
LOT 6-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN 102124965 EXT 0	145672869	\$2,471.08	\$456.00	\$2,927.08
LOT 5-BLK/PAR 4-PLAN 84R39720 EXT 0	108140891	\$2,036.23	\$456.00	\$2,492.23
LOT 5-BLK/PAR 4-PLAN 84R39720 EXT 0	108140903			
LOT 8-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN 70R14528 EXT 0	145028437	\$4,900.85	\$456.00	\$5,356.85

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Dated this 28th day of October, 2025. Noelle Ottenbreit, Administrator

# Balcarres Legion to host Remembrance Day event

By Judy Hershmillier  
Grasslands News

## Remembrance Day in Balcarres

As a community we will gather at the Balcarres Town Hall Nov. 11 at 10:45 a.m. Please be seated for the march on, and the minute of silence at the 11th hour. This will be followed by our service and laying of the wreaths. There will be a guest speaker present.

Participants and attendees are welcome to remain at the town hall for a light lunch and social following the service. Bar service will be available.

The Royal Canadian Legion Balcarres Branch 84 wishes to thank the community for their continued support.

### Gold Medal Awarded

Congratulations to Kevin Fenwick who is the

recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Gold Medal Award presented by her Honour the Honourable Bernadette McIntyre. The award was presented Oct. 14 at Government House in Regina.

The IPAC Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Medal was established in 1986 and first presented in 1987. This prestigious medal recognizes public

servants who have demonstrated distinctive leadership and exceptional achievements in public administration in Saskatchewan. \* \* \*

A small rededication ceremony took place Oct. 22 to recognize the cenotaph which has recently been moved to the Legion Park on Main Street.



**Rededication held**  
A rededication ceremony recently took place at the cenotaph at the Legion Park in Balcarres. In attendance, from the left, are Rev. Jo Mader of Fort Qu'Appelle, Geoff Turtle of Balcarres, Rob Krause of Fort Qu'Appelle and Trevor Bancarz of Melville.

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## TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LIPTON NO. 217 PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before the 5th day of January, 2026 an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Assessment Number	Part of Section	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	Mer.	Extension	Title Number	Total Arrears	Advert. Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
000509100-01	NE	09	23	14	2	1,2,3 & 4	108122273, 108122284, 108122295 108122307	\$449.96	\$32.52	\$482.48
000509200-01	NW	09	23	14	2	1&2	108122194 10812220	\$472.32	\$16.26	\$488.58
000733200-01	NW	33	24	13	2	0	158325576	\$2,084.92	\$8.13	\$2,093.05
000733300-01	SE	33	24	13	2	0	158325587	\$1,873.10	\$8.13	\$1,881.23
000916200-01	NW	16	24	15	2	1&2	132473561 32473583	\$433.52	\$16.26	\$449.78
000916400-01	SW	16	24	15	2	0	130020466	\$480.68	\$8.13	\$488.81
000921100-01	NE	21	24	15	2	0	130020376	\$1,088.32	\$8.13	\$1,096.45
000921200-01	NW	21	24	15	2	0	130020398	\$1,107.53	\$8.13	\$1,115.66
000921400-01	SW	21	24	15	2	0	130020400 30020455	\$583.31	\$16.26	\$599.57
000814401-01			A	102016730		0	139578159	\$761.83	\$8.13	\$769.96
000226105-01			W	92R61650		0	137508699	\$1,016.25	\$8.13	\$1,024.38
000432200-01	NW	32	23	13	2	0	107815495	\$1,581.10	\$8.13	\$1,589.23
000620200-01	NW	20	23	15	2	0	108745533	\$2,184.98	\$8.13	\$2,193.11
000726100-01	NE	26	24	13	2	0	153660595	\$2,232.12	\$8.13	\$2,240.25
000726300-01	SE	26	24	13	2	0	153660674	\$2,194.11	\$8.13	\$2,202.24
000728200-01	NW	28	24	13	2	0	155392982	\$2,343.82	\$8.13	\$2,351.95
000733400-01	SW	33	24	13	2	0	156123277	\$2,599.69	\$8.13	\$2,607.82

Dated this 31st day of October, 2025..

Ronda Heisler, Administrator

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# Report flags Ottawa's fiscal failings, praises Sask's steady hand

By Grasslands News Staff  
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A new national report has handed out some harsh fiscal grades to senior levels of government across Canada, giving the federal government a near-failing mark while Saskatchewan earned praise for maintaining solid financial accountability. The C.D. Howe Institute's 2025 "Making the Grade" Fiscal Accountability Report Card, released October 23, assesses how transparent and timely governments are in publishing their budgets, financial plans, and year-end results. It measures how clearly Canadians can see where their tax dollars go — and how accurately those plans align with reality.

The federal government scored one of the lowest marks in the country, earning a D grade, with the think tank warning that Ottawa's fiscal transparency has significantly deteriorated. The report found that key numbers such as total revenues, spending, and deficit forecasts were buried deep in complex budget tables, while different accounting methods were used across the budget, estimates, and financial statements, making comparisons difficult. Ottawa's financial statements were also released late, and future reporting timelines risk slipping further. The report cautioned that, without major improvements, the federal government is on track for an F next year — the lowest possible grade — if these issues persist. "Timely, consistent financial information is essential for public accountability," the authors wrote. "When governments obscure or delay that information, Canadians lose the ability to judge how their money is being managed."

By contrast, Saskatchewan received a B grade, placing it among the stronger performers nationwide. The province was commended for ta-

bling budgets before the fiscal year began, allowing MLAs time for debate, presenting key numbers clearly in its budget and public accounts, and maintaining clean audit opinions with modest differences between forecasted and actual results. While Saskatchewan's finances weren't flawless, the institute said the province continues to show steady improvement and consistency in its fiscal practices. Areas for growth include further simplifying public reports and ensuring all departments publish timely updates.

The contrast between Ottawa's and Saskatchewan's results highlights what the report calls a widening gap in fiscal discipline across Canada. Saskatchewan's performance reinforces its reputation for strong budget management and straightforward reporting, while Ottawa's slipping standards may raise concerns among provinces that depend on federal transfers and

coordinated planning. Economists warn that when federal numbers are unclear or delayed, it creates uncertainty for provincial governments building their own budgets — particularly in areas such as infrastructure, health, and shared social programs.

The C.D. Howe Institute concluded that Canadians deserve financial transparency from all levels of government, especially in an era of rising deficits and debt. It called for uniform accounting standards across all jurisdictions, budgets released before fiscal years begin, and clear reconciliations between spending plans and actual results. For Saskatchewan, the findings reaffirm its reputation for sound fiscal management. For Ottawa, the report is a clear warning that transparency and accountability are slipping — and that Canadians deserve better visibility into how billions of their tax dollars are being spent.

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