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Kevin Weedmark photo

Premier Moe visits southeast Sask.

Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe visited the area Tuesday. At Redvers Ag, he spoke with Perry Dangstorp, left, and Cannington MLA Daryl Harrison, right. See pages 10-11 for an interview with Moe on issues ranging from retendering the Grenfell Nursing home to Moosomin's airport expansion.

Minister of Rural and Remote Health: Tim McLeod at September Chamber meeting

Saskatchewan Minister of Rural and Remote Health Tim McLeod will speak at the September 10 meeting of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber president Kevin Weedmark said he invited McLeod to speak at the meeting to discuss local issues.

"We have several issues in health care that we're working with the provincial government on," he said. "One that has come to a successful conclusion is the Airport Expansion project. The \$10.6 million project has been completed because the provincial government, Nutrien, local governments, and local businesses all worked together, and shared the cost. Now, with the 5,000 foot runway, we have a solid connection between the local area and

Saskatoon, where pediatric care and stroke care for the province are centralized. With the Saskatchewan Air Ambulance, patients can now be transported between our region and Saskatoon in less than an hour, and doctors say it is already saving lives.

"We want to express our appreciation for the government's support on that initiative, and highlight some of the other cutting-edge initiatives in the local region, like the medical residency program. Moosomin is the only community its size in Canada where medical graduates can complete their residency, and that program has helped add to our complement of 14 doctors and helped medical students by offering a residency in family medi-

cine in a rural setting. Our first resident to complete her residency in the community has bought a house here with her family."

He said the CT Scanner will also be raised at the September 10 Chamber meeting.

"We'll also be discussing the plan for a CT Scanner for the Southeast Integrated Care Centre. The government said in the spring they would work with us on that, and we want to get an update on that file."

Weedmark said he also invited community leaders from Grenfell to the meeting if they want to raise the issue of Grenfell's nursing home project.

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Sandra Youngblut fundraiser at the Moosomin Legion



Sandra Youngblut and her husband, Dennis at the legion for the soup and sandwich fundraiser. Ed James photo

The Moosomin Legion committee held a fundraising soup and sandwich lunch and silent auction at the legion on Wednesday to help support Sandra Youngblut who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. The funds will help support medical treatment costs for Sandra.

Sandra has volunteered at the Moosomin Legion for the past 22 years.

Ashley Bocek photos



VIEWPOINT LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let's not take things for granted!

It is important to have the right person representing this constituency in the Legislature! Kevin Weedmark has the skills, the enthusiasm and the commitment to serve every resident in the Moosomin-Montmartre constituency.

Everyone that holds a Sask Party membership is entitled to vote on September 10 in Grenfell and those supporting Kevin are welcome to board a bus for a no charge ride to the meeting. A complimentary light lunch will be provided as well. Be at the MCC by 5 o'clock to take advantage of the service AND remember that your vote is important to put the right person in the Legislature!

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St. Lazare walkathon fundraiser for Moosomin CT Scanner fund

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

École St. Lazare in St. Lazare, Manitoba is holding their annual walkathon on Friday, September 6. The school has chosen to support the CT Scanner fund in Moosomin with the funds raised from the walk.

Richard Fiola, principal of École St. Lazare says they have a Walk-A-Thon each year to support local fundraisers.

"We do a walkathon every year. We used to do it for cancer care in Russell, but now it is all built so last year we changed it a bit. We did a walk in memory of the resource teacher that passed in the last two years, and we did a fundraiser for the school under her name.

"This fall we will be doing the same Walk-A-Thon for the CT Scanner fund in Moosomin."

Fundraiser for health care services

Fiola says the Walk-A-Thon supports a different health care project each year.

"We always do something related to health care so it is a tradition here that at the beginning of the school year we have a fundraiser."

He says the school has hosted a walk for many years. "We have been doing it for a long time. It was the Terry Fox run that we switched over for local projects. So we have been doing them for the past 25 years or so."

Community event

Fiola says the walk is followed by a community barbecue.

"It is Friday, September 6 in the afternoon. We will have a community barbecue over lunch and whoever wants to join the kids for the walk after can. We usually have parents, grandparents, relatives, and people from the community that come for the barbecue and they join the walk to support the kids and the fundraiser."

Saskatchewan students at École St. Lazare

Fiola says the school has Saskatchewan students from the area.

"We heard there was a fundraiser with the hospital in Moosomin and since we have a good portion of students from Saskatchewan we wanted to help out this year in Moosomin. We also have a lot of people from Lazare who travel to Moosomin for health appointments and treatments."

He says St. Lazare has students from Moosomin, Welwyn, and Rocanville.

"It is for the French Education. We have a family coming from Moosomin, families from Welwyn, and from Rocanville. So they're all bussed in. We have two bus routes on that side of the border. It is an agreement between the two provinces since there is not a French school in this area of Saskatchewan so they can come to our school and they're fully funded like a Manitoba student."

Fiola explains there are buses for the Saskatchewan students.

"For the family in Moosomin that comes here for school, it's a teacher who works here, so she brings her kids so there is no bus for them, but for all the other students we have two bus routes in Saskatchewan for our school."

There is an agreement between Saskatchewan and Manitoba that allows border towns to use services closest to them.

"It is the same for the border towns with health and dental, we can go with our Manitoba card to Saskatchewan," Fiola explained. "It is an agreement between provinces for health and education. That is why it is not only for the Saskatchewan residents. People from Lazare do go to Moosomin hospital and to see doctors."

CT Scanner important for St. Lazare people

Fiola says the CT Scanner in Moosomin would be closer

for St. Lazare people to travel to for health emergencies.

"It's much closer because otherwise we would have to go to Brandon—it is close to two hours for us to get there. We prefer and encourage closer services for the health of our people."

Community involvement

Fiola says they hold a Walk-A-Thon fundraiser to model community involvement for the students.

"It is to show kids that you give to your community and you get involved in your community."

"Whenever there is special projects like the CT Scanner fund in Moosomin it is important to make them aware of the impacts of having services like that or having special treatment centres in our area so we don't have to travel more than an hour or so. It helps keep our communities up-to-date and provide the best services we can."

He says the school has previously helped raise funds for the Southeast Integrated Care Centre in Moosomin.

"Andrea Chipelski that is in charge of the Walk-A-Thon, has said that in the past we have done a fundraiser for the Southeast Integrated Care Centre in Moosomin as well. So this is not the first time we have done something for your area."

Fiola explains the Walk-A-Thon has raised lots of money in the past. "Last year was a special one because we had a special fund for the school with a big committee and lots of contacts, and we did raise \$15,000 but that was exceptional."

"That was in the memory of the lady who had passed the year before—the resource teacher in the school and everyone knew her so that's why they chipped in and made a fund for our school."

Fiola says the Walk-A-Thon is a great community fundraiser.

"We have a pre-Kindergarten program so some four year olds until high school, grade 12. There is about 80 students and 20 staff members. So close to 100 people in our school regularly and then we have the parents, grandparents, and people from the community at our barbecue so usually there is about 200 people out. It is always a good fundraiser for the community."



Kevin Weedmark photo

CT Scanner proposed for SEICC

A CT Scanner has been proposed for the Southeast Integrated Care Centre in Moosomin, and students at École St. Lazare in St. Lazare, Manitoba are planning a fundraising walkathon for the CT Scanner fund.

Sask introduces ag and health immigration streams

The Government of Saskatchewan announced two new talent pathways under the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP) to grow the workforce in the agriculture and health care sectors.

"Saskatchewan continues to align its immigration program with current labour market needs, and these new pathways will attract international skilled workers with industry specific experience to fill in-demand jobs in health care and agriculture," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "With labour shortages reported across the country, creating new provincial immigration pathways and streamlining our credential recognition process will help employers in Saskatchewan acquire the workforce needed to grow their businesses."

Agriculture is the backbone of the Saskatchewan economy, and the new Agriculture Talent pathway will enable producers to access the talent they need to continue feeding the world, growing the value of exports, increasing value-added agriculture and harnessing new technolo-

gies and innovations. This pathway will help meet the increased demand for labour to fill in-demand and emerging jobs in the agriculture industry.

"A skilled and flexible agricultural workforce is essential to our increasing role in global food security as a supplier our markets can rely on—which keeps our producers competitive and profitable and keeps our economy strong and growing," Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "Labour shortages are a constraint to growth for agricultural producers, and by supporting them in filling critical jobs through this new pathway, we will strengthen the agricultural sector and enable producers to meet growing demands."

The new Health Talent Pathway will support the Government of Saskatchewan's Health Human Resources (HHR) action plan, as the SINP is an important resource for the health care sector to recruit and retain skilled workers. All health care recruitment through the SINP will be consolidated and streamlined under this single stream.

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Moosomin Rodeo Committee donates \$12,500 to Play Fair Daycare

BY ASHLEY BOCHKE

The Moosomin Rodeo Committee has donated \$12,500 to Play Fair Daycare.

Play Fair Daycare has been approved for 90 new spots and a second day care facility is in the planning stages.

Mike Sidoryk of the Moosomin Rodeo Committee says it was a group decision to donate to the day care.

"We chose the day care as a donation because most of our committee is made up of people who have either had kids go through day care, and we have a lot of young people on our committee as well, who have kids that are going to be coming up through the system so it was a situation that we felt was a good project to give to."

Rodeo committee supports local groups

The committee decides to donate to a community group each year.

"There are a ton of different things that are going on in Moosomin and the area, so it is hard to choose, there are a lot of different things we always look at and think where it would be good to donate and one of our committee members brought up day care, and instantly everyone said absolutely," Sidoryk said.

He says donating to a local group each year shows community support.

"It shows your community involvement. On the outside looking in, if you're part of an event, and see the amount of people come through and what it takes to put it on, to some it may look as though we earned this money and kind of sit on it and have amazing sponsorship whether it is monetarily, through work, or supplied equipment, that it completes the circle.

"We put on an event in town that has really gained traction over the last few years with the new format, so for us as an organization we can put our name around the community, that just helps grow our event as well. It's we support you, you support us."

Winnings donated back

Sidoryk explains the winner of this year's Calcutta donated its winnings back to support the day care.

"The total donation—it was a unique situation this year—the Calcutta is an event that happens at a lot of roughstock events where your audience bids on your top six riders, typically, and then your pen of bulls.

"The winner this year was P&H in Moosomin and when they realized where the donation was going, Cory Woywada had said, 'We are a day care family, we're donating all of our winnings back,' so the cheque we ended up giving the day care was \$12,500. That was all of the winner's donation back plus our portion that we were giving regardless.

"The day care board was very excited and very appreciative. I think when they looked at the cheque after taking the picture, there was a little bit of shock factor, it felt like to me. It is a great cause."

Donations over the years

The rodeo committee has donated to



Mike Sidoryk, of the Moosomin Rodeo Committee presenting Terri Low and Sarah Campbell, of Play Fair Daycare with a donation of \$12,500.

many other local groups over the years.

"We have also donated to the Moosomin Fire Department for two consecutive years for the bar work," Sidoryk said. "They volunteer to help run the bar so we give them a donation for doing it. Wapella Fire Department is receiving a donation this year because they worked our bar for us this past one.

"Then, going years back there were hospital donations, playground donations, there was a lot of other things even before I was on the committee as things were happening. Every year we try to choose something.

"We started our scholarship with the high school for any student going onto post-secondary in an agriculture field. I think our donation pool is going to continue to grow and grow."

Community support

Sidoryk explains the rodeo is becoming a bigger attraction because of the community support.

"It is the give and take of both. In order to put an event on, we need to have a good facility so of course that takes money to put into it, and the committee and I think in order to have a successful event you also need the community support in your corner.

"Some people are there because it is an event in the summer to do, some are there because they enjoy the sport, some people are there to support the group that is involved in the community and putting this event on.

"Ever since the Covid comeback it has been an amazing event and we're gaining traction every year. It's the sponsors that every year they are there for you. We give back to the community, so when we host an event the community support is there as well."

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Gathering support

Kevin Weedmark, who is seeking the Saskatchewan Party nomination in the Moosomin-Montmartre constituency, has been travelling through the constituency gathering support. Above, Kevin with Charlie Rivamonte, Michael Vantomme, and Jonathan Caliwag. Below, Kevin with the Santos family who he helped keep in Canada and who are valued members of the local community. Above right, Kevin with Grenfell pharmacist and former longtime constituency association president Tyler Thomlinson. Below right, Kevin with business owner Kari Kosior.



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Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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Outdoor Pickle Ball Court Construction

Back when covid hit us, Parks and Rec undertook the downtime to perform a Community Recreation Plan. Three of the recommendations from the CRP included:

- Building more outdoor court space.
- Offering increased low/free cost informal programming.
- Offering seniors more programming opportunities.

To address these issues in part, a plan was put into place to build a Pickleball Court that could double for multiple opportunities. The facility had a solid plan in place...but needed funding. It looked like a project that would come to fruition in 2025 to 2026. Then, along came Kingston Midstream, followed by a dozen amazing community donations and presto!

Construction on the Pickleball Court began last Tuesday. We are expecting to have it paved in the next week or so and then fencing and wind slates will go in sometime September. All covered by grants and community donations. We have some work to do financially to cover the remaining costs. Sealing, painting lines, nets, trees and a bull pen (sitting area). We will work hard on fundraising over the winter to have the funds in place and then look to have a grand opening around June 1, 2025!

There are multiple ways and means to donate as you will see below! Thanks to everyone who has helped out with this project! Parks and Rec thinks this will be heavily used and a fantastic addition to Lloyd Bradley Park.

Outdoor Pickle Ball Court Sponsorship Opportunities

With things progressing so well with the Pickleball Court project we are now out and about looking for sponsors to complete our project. We have multiple opportunities including:

- The Bullpen (rest area): \$10,000
 - Naming rights of one court which includes signage: \$10,000
 - Naming rights of half a court which includes signage: \$5,000
 - Net Sponsors: \$2,500
 - Individual Donor Board - Platinum: \$1,000
 - Individual Donors - Gold: \$500
 - Individual Donors - Silver: \$250
- This project is done through the Town of Moosomin, so with that in mind, any donations will be receiving a tax receipt from the Town of Moosomin. Paving and fencing goes up this fall...we still have some work to do but expect the new fun zone and the new pickleball court to have a joint grand opening around June 1, 2025! For further information or to claim sponsorship please call Mike at 435-7578 or by email to msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Outdoor Pickle Ball Court Donor Night!

Moosomin Parks and Recreation along with our local Pickleball Club will be hosting a post-harvest donor night at the Nutrien Sportsplex. This will be an opportunity to get an update on the new outdoor pickleball court project as well as to try the sport out if you have not had an opportunity. The event will be held Friday, October 18 at the Nutrien Sportsplex from 5 to 7 pm. There will be cocktails, supper and an information session for perspective donors from 7 to 9 pm. There will also be an opportunity to try out pickleball at no cost. If you would like information on the project prior to the donor night, by all means feel free to contact Mike at 435-7578.

Mike Schwean Arena

Moosomin Parks and Recreation are busy getting ready for the 2024/2025 winter season...the best season of the year! With that, we have begun taking weekend bookings. If you are interested in booking a weekend or a special event please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

- Special events already booked include:
- U13 Girls Tournament November 2-3
 - U15 Girls Tournament November 9-10
 - U11 Tournament November 23-24

U13 Tournament	December 7-8
U15 Tournament	December 14-15
U11 Girls Tournament	January 11-12
U7 Tournament	January 18-19
U9 Tournament	February 1-2
Skating Club Carnival	March 16
U9 Carded Tournament	March 29-30
2025 Iron Man	April 3-5

Mike Schwean Arena 2024/25 Fee Structure

For those looking to book in for 2024/25 here is our fee schedule for the 2024/2025 season.

Minor Sports \$120 plus tax (includes Moosomin Minor Hockey and Moosomin Skating Club)	
Adult	\$145 plus tax
Or seasonal	\$3,050
Sr. Rangers	\$145 plus tax
Game agreement	

\$400/game
Minor Hockey Tournaments/special events are \$95 per hour to max of \$950.

Mike Schwean Arena Virtual Trophy Case

It is now up and running...and it is super cool! Our thanks to the Uptown Hotel for sponsoring the project! Make sure to check it out this fall. It's located in the main lobby of the Mike Schwean Arena.

Terry Lynd Basketball Court

Leo, Jeff and all those behind the fundraising for the Terry Lynd Basketball Court have done such an amazing job over the past year. They are getting really close to what is required to cover the project costs...but I know they are looking for a final fundraising push! With that in mind, I know they would be thrilled with further donations or possibly fundraising ideas from the public! If you have any ideas please email Leo at leoluistrisimo15@gmail.com or Jeff at jskulmoski@cloud.com

Mike Schwean Arena Winter Ice

Moosomin Parks and Recreation Department are now accepting ice bookings for the 2024/2025 winter season. You can phone 435-7578 or email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net to book.

Pickle Ball

Pickle Ball continues at the Conexus Convention Centre. The club has dedicated times which includes:

- Monday 1-3pm Recreational Pickleball
- Tuesday 6-8pm Recreational Pickleball
- Wednesday 7-9pm Competitive Pickleball
- Thursday 1-3pm Recreation Pickleball

Conexus Convention Centre Rental Opportunities

When we built the Conexus Convention Centre around 15 years ago our vision was always to have a facility that could service multiple activities including recreation and leisure. With that in mind have multiple equipment on hand available for rentals.

Those include:

- Basketballs and basketball Nets
- Volleyballs and Volleyball Nets
- Pickleball Nets, Paddles and Balls
- Floor hockey equipment
- Dodge Ball Equipment
- Various other balls and equipment

If you would like to book or inquire about a party please contact the Recreation Office at 435-3622.

Conexus Convention Centre Fall/Winter Regulars

With Fall closing in we have our regular users at the Convention Centre. Those include:

- Cadets: Monday
- Pickleball: Monday/Tuesday/Thursday

Gymnastics: Tuesday/Wednesday
Philippine Community: Friday/Sundays

Conexus Convention Centre Upcoming Events

Lots of great events planned for the fall and winter of 2024. Here is a sample of what is coming up:

September 28: Moosomin Family Resource Centre Fall Fair (rink).

September 27-28: McNaughton High Volleyball Tournament

October 12-13: Minor Hockey Dry Land

October 17: SHA Flu Shots

October 19-20: Minor Hockey Dry Land

October 25: Shriners Fall Fundraiser Live Event

October 26: Nixon Electric 30th Anniversary

October 31: Spookarama

November 2: Visual Arts Centre Christmas Craft Show

November 4: SHA Flu Shots

November 7: Municipal Election Advance Polls

November 13: Municipal Election

November 15-22: Creative Visions

November 22: 2024 Parks and Rec Awards Night

November 29: Borderland Co-op Christmas Party

December 7: Cabaret - Details TBA

December 20: Moosomin Senior Rangers Christmas Cabaret

December 31: Private Social

If you would like to help us fill up our fall/winter schedule we would love to hear from you. Just give us a call at 435-3622 or by email to a.thorntownofmoosomin@sasktel.net.

Elvis is heading in the building!

Arguably the top Elvis impersonator in Western Canada...Rory Allen...is returning to Moosomin for an encore show! Rory Allen, who does an excellent tribute to the King of Rock and Roll Elvis Presley, will be at the Moosomin Community Theatre on Sunday, October 20 at 2 pm. Tickets are only \$20 and are available in Moosomin at The World-Spectator, Pharmasave, and in Rocanville at Mane-Tain Hair Shop and Gifts. Mary McConigal will do another amazing job of hosting the show.

There will be a 50/50 draw as well as a door prize draw (donated by Stars AA). All proceeds from the event will go to Stars Air Ambulance. What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

Mary has put on two other shows where the money went to STARS. This spring, STARS called Mary and asked her about taking part in a fundraiser. STARS operates totally on donations. People have been asking Mary when she was going to bring Rory Allen back...so a show was planned.

There will be a drop off spot in front of

the theatre which is handy for people who can not walk well. There will also be ticket takers/ushers on site.

When Rory was here in 2022, it was a packed house with every seat sold in advance of the show. As such, patrons are encouraged to buy their tickets early...enjoy an amazing show and support a wonderful cause!

Nutrien Sportsplex 2024/2025 Season

We have now set the dates for our opening/closing dates at the Nutrien Sportsplex. The 2024 opening date is scheduled for Thursday, October 24 and the 2025 spring final date is scheduled for Sunday, April 13.

Christmas Bookings

It always seems crazy taking Christmas bookings this early, but every year the best dates fill up early!

Early Bird pricing (in effect until November 1) includes:

- Two Simulators \$250
- Four Simulators \$500
- Two Simulators/Three Bowling Lanes \$300
- Bowling Alley only \$300
- Entire Sportsplex \$600

If you are interested in getting in early and a great date please give Angela a call at 435-3622.

Nutrien Sportsplex - REC FEST 2024

We have scheduled Recfest 2024 for Wednesday, October 30. For those new to town, REC FEST is an opportunity to get amazing deals on winter rates at the Nutrien Sportsplex. Those include:

Six Month Walking Track Memberships
Regular price \$150 REC FEST price \$120

Seasonal Sportsplex Membership - Adult
Regular Price \$300 REC FEST price \$250

Seasonal Sportsplex Membership - Youth
Regular Price \$150 REC FEST price \$100

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Christmas Parties
Pay by REC FEST and get an additional 10% off your booking! Patrons are also reminded if you are unable to attend REC FEST you are more than welcome to pop into the Rec Office prior to REC FEST where you will receive the same discount pricing as REC FEST.



THE 802 PIPESTONE AIR CADETS

802 Pipestone Air Cadets will be starting up for the season on

Monday, September 9 - 6:30 p.m.

Moosomin Conexus Convention Centre

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For more information contact

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2024 Parks and Recreation Awards being held on Friday, November 22

BY MIKE SCHWEAN

MOOSOMIN RECREATION DIRECTOR

2024 will mark the 12th Annual Moosomin Parks and Recreation Awards Ceremony. This year we will be holding the event on Friday, November 22 in conjunction with the Creative Visions performance of Footloose. The deadline for nominations is set for September 30.

Our motto is and has always been clear, "Why Nominating is a Must: Unveiling the Power of Recognition!"

Our awards include:

Community Hero Award

- Helping
- Ensure
- Rewarding
- Outcomes

This award shall not be an annual award but rather presented in extraordinary circumstances as deemed appropriate by the Awards Committee.

This award shall not be an annual award but rather an award presented when exceptional commitment, dedication and service is shown to the community and region.

The Community Hero Award will be given to an individual or group:

- Who goes above and beyond the call of duty of the community.
- Whose actions serve others not for recognition but simply to help others.
- Who genuinely cares about making sure that other people's highest priority needs are being served.

Mayor's Award of Distinction Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation

This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to community sports, community culture, community parks and/or community recreation. This individual will have gone above and beyond the normal commitments, volunteer or otherwise, and their efforts will have left a lasting influence on the community.

Mayor's Award of Distinction Culture/Music and Performing Arts

This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to culture/music/performing arts. This individual will have gone above and beyond the normal commitments, volunteer or otherwise,

and their efforts will have left a lasting influence on the community.

RM Award of Distinction Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation

Presented to a contributing RM rate payer who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to Moosomin sports, community culture, community parks and/or community recreation. This individual will have gone above and beyond the normal commitments, volunteer or otherwise, and their efforts will have left a lasting influence on the community.

Community Councilor's Achievement Award Sport/Culture/Parks/Recreation

This award is presented to a community group/service club or individual for their efforts on a sport, culture, parks and/or recreation project. Preference will be given to projects which took place, in whole or part, in the year 2023 and/or 2024. Projects will have a lasting influence on the community.

Corporate Community Builder Award

This award is presented to a corporate member of the community for his/her/their contributions to the sport, culture, and parks and or recreation field. Contributions can mean anything from monetary donations to hands on work and his/her/their efforts will have a lasting influence on the community. Preference may be given to contributions which took place, in whole or part, in the year 2023 and/or 2024 but will also factor in an ongoing commitment

Association/Team/Individual of the Year Award

This is awarded to Moosomin and area association/athlete(s)/teams who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their sport throughout the 2023/24 calendar year and represented the community in a most positive nature. This award may be given to either an association, a team or an individual and is not age specific.

Legends Award

Awarded to Moosomin and area athlete(s)/teams who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their sport throughout any point in our community's history.

This team or individual will have achieved athletic success at a high standard and represented the community in a most positive nature. This award is not age specific.

Youth Award of Excellence

Awarded to Moosomin and area youth (under 19) who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to community sports, community culture, community parks and/or community recreation. This youth will have gone above and beyond the normal commitments, volunteer, athletics, performing or otherwise, and their efforts will have left a lasting influence on the community. This award is not year specific but based on the individual's junior high and high school years.

Sorry, we do not take nominations for this award, rather we ask the staff at McNaughton High to select a winner.

Village of Maryfield

PROPERTY FOR SALE BY SEALED TENDER

As per The Tax Enforcement Act, Section 31,

LOT 29 BLOCK 3 PLAN K590

The Village is accepting tenders for the sale of Lot 29 Block 3 Plan K590; 116 Lynch Street.

The property is assessed as residential and requires the building to be demolished no later than September 30, 2025.

Tenders must be sealed and marked 'Property Tender' and delivered to the Village office at 602 Assiniboine Avenue or mailed to PO Box 58, Maryfield, SK, S0G 3K0.

Sealed tenders must be received by **Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 12:00 pm (noon).**

A cheque to the Village of Maryfield for 5% of the tender must accompany the tender.

Highest, or any tender, not necessarily accepted. The successful bidder will have 30 days to provide the balance of cash to complete the purchase.

Dated the 16th day of August, 2024.

Brittany Raymond
Administrator
Village of Maryfield

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NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Form H
(Section 66 of the Act)

Public Notice is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the offices of:

- Councillor for Division 1**
- Councillor for Division 3**
- Councillor for Division 5**
- Reeve**

Councillor for Division 6 (By-Election)

will be received by the undersigned on the **9th day of October, 2024** from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at 602 Main Street, Moosomin, Saskatchewan, and during regular business hours (8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm) from **Tuesday, September 3rd to Tuesday, October 8th, 2024** at 602 Main Street, Moosomin, Saskatchewan.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Municipal Office - 602 Main Street, Moosomin, Saskatchewan.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 2024.

Cheryl Barrett
Returning Officer

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NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

TOWN OF FLEMING

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NUMBER TO BE ELECTED: 1

Councillor:

Town of Fleming
NUMBER TO BE ELECTED: 4

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Dated this 3rd day of September, 2024.

Kendra Lawrence

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In our opinion:

Canadians want to cut the size of Ottawa's bureaucracy

There is no fixing the budget without reducing the size of the bureaucracy

Taxpayers know we're paying for too many paper pushers in the federal government.

A Leger poll commissioned by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation shows a plurality of Canadians want to shrink Ottawa's bureaucracy.

The poll shows that 47 percent of Canadians want to reduce the number of federal bureaucrats, while less than three in 10 want to maintain the current number of federal employees.

Only seven percent of Canadians think the federal government should hire more bureaucrats.

The rest were unsure.

Canadians are right; the federal government is bloated under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Since Trudeau took office in 2015, his government has added 108,793 bureaucrats, bringing the total to 367,772 federal employees. That's a 42 percent increase in less than a decade, while Canada's population only grew by 14 percent.

There would be 72,491 fewer federal paper-pushers had Trudeau kept growth in the bureaucracy in line with population growth.

The average annual compensation for full-time federal bureaucrats is \$125,300 when pay, pension, and other perks are accounted for, according to the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

That means 72,000 excess bureaucrats cost taxpayers roughly \$9 billion per year. That's the same amount of money as cutting the first two income tax rates by a percentage point.

The Leger poll also broke down results based on Canadians' voting intentions.

Seventy-one percent of Conservative voters want to shrink the federal bureaucracy. This has big implications.

Polls show the Conservatives are poised to form the next government. Their supporters expect them to shrink Ottawa's bureaucracy.

"The government does not have a revenue problem; they have a spending problem," Conservative Party Leader Pierre Poilievre has said.

"They have nearly doubled government spending in a decade [and they've] added about 50 percent more bureaucrats."

Poilievre promises to "fix the budget and bring Canadians the relief they desperately need."

His ability to deliver on that promise will be directly tied to his ability to shrink the bureaucracy.

That's because the bureaucracy consumes more than half of the federal government's day-to-day spending. There is no fixing the budget without cutting the cost of the bureaucracy.

Along with reducing the number of federal paper pushers, Poilievre should also rein in pay and perks.

Trudeau handed over one million pay raises in the last four years alone. If Poilievre is going to end bureaucrat pay raises, he should first commit to ending the pay raises MPs give themselves every year.

Before going on strike last year, federal government unions pointed to "the yearly salary increases of senators and members of Parliament" as a reason bureaucrats should be given more taxpayer cash.

Showing leadership and a willingness to rein in MP pay will go a long way in helping politicians rein in the bureaucracy.

In fact, the Harper government showed it would "lead by example" by freezing MP pay between 2010 and 2013.

The government must also stop rewarding failure with taxpayer-funded bonuses.

The feds have rubberstamped more than \$1.5 billion in bonuses since 2015.

Ottawa's bonuses keep flowing despite the PBO finding that "less than 50 percent of [performance] targets are consistently met."

Poilievre knows this is a problem. He said he would "cancel bonuses for failing government authorities, and that would include, for example, the Bank of Canada and the CBC."

Here's the bottom line: taxpayers pay for too many federal paper pushers. Any politician who wants to fix the budget and cut taxes must shrink the federal bureaucracy.

This editorial was written by Franco Terrazzano, the Federal Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.



Running for office has been a learning experience

I am used to being busy, running three newspapers, planning meetings as president of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce, chairing the Moosomin Housing Authority, serving on the Economic Development Committee and being a member of the Community Builders Alliance.

My days can be long. There have been days this summer when I'm up at 4 am taking sunrise drone photos in the valley, then at an economic development meeting at 6:30 am or a housing authority meeting at 7:30 am, then in the office for eight hours, interviewing people, being interviewed by reporters on some of the economic development initiatives in our region, running our business, directing our staff, popping out for a quick meeting or two, then often at a meeting in the evening.

It's a good thing I work with Kara, otherwise she would never see me.

But I have never been more busy than in the last few weeks, as I have campaigned for the Saskatchewan Party nomination in Moosomin-Montmartre on top of my other roles. I have been to all the communities in the constituency, I have made hundreds of phone calls. I have met with groups of supporters, I have gone up and down the main streets of towns right across the constituency meeting people, and have met so many wonderful people through this process.

I will be busy the day of the nomination meeting too! I am chairing a Chamber of Commerce meeting at noon that day—I invited the Minister of Rural and Remote Health back in the spring, so the September 10 meeting was set, so I will be running that day, between the chamber meeting and the nomination meeting!

I have learned a lot through this process, and if the Sask Party members in Moosomin-Montmartre give me the honor of entrusting me with the nomination, and if the people of Moosomin-Montmartre elect me to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, I will enjoy learning about, and serving, the people across the riding.

Ashley will be missed

Our office will seem a little different in the next little while as our high school student Joey Light and our university student Ashley Boche are going back to school.

We will still see Joey after school every day but Ashley is back to university, starting into her business studies, so we will miss her smiling face in the office every day.

Ashley is an exceptionally talented young writer. She started with us as an after-school student three years ago, and has spent the last three summers working with us.

She has taken on more and more responsibility with us in that time. She started taking photos at events for us right away, two summers ago she tried her hand at an article about



Kevin Weedmark



Ashley a kilometre underground at Nutrien Rocanville and a few thousand feet in the air on the first jet to ever take off from Moosomin

an event, last summer she wrote a lot of articles that were a bit more in-depth and some columns that were straight from the heart. Over her first year at university, Ashley continued to write for us, and her writing got better and better.

This summer Ashley came back and worked in the office for four months and has written some absolutely amazing feature stories in that time. She has interviewed people organizing fundraisers, she has interviewed community leaders and business leaders, she has interviewed people about their triumphs and their tragedies, and has a beautiful writing style that's always a pleasure to read.

Ashley experienced the area in a way she never has before this summer. We were 1,000 metres under the ground at Nutrien Rocanville a couple of weeks back, we were thousands of feet in the air first in a small plane and then in the first corporate jet to take off from Moosomin's new airport. We have been to a hop farm and a flower farm.

Last week Ashley and I travelled to Redvers to interview Premier Moe about some important issues for the region. Ashley did an outstanding job on that interview, and got some good insight into the Premier's thinking on a few issues.

Watch for some great feature articles article from Ashley over the next few weeks.

She has excelled in everything she has done for us, and we wish Ashley all the best in university—and hope she will continue to contribute to our business in so many ways as only she can!



Former Moosomin MLA Don Toth, left, Chief Evan Taypotat, centre, and John Gormley, right, have all endorsed Kevin Weedmark in Moosomin-Montmartre.

Evan Taypotat adds to Weedmark's endorsements

Chief Evan Taypotat of Kahkewistahaw First Nation has given his support to Kevin Weedmark in his bid to secure the Saskatchewan Party nomination in Moosomin-Montmartre.

"I have had the privilege of knowing Kevin for ten years, and throughout this time, he has consistently demonstrated respect and professionalism," said Taypotat. "It's clear that he leads with a good heart and a genuine desire to listen to others. Kevin is dedicated to putting his constituents first and will work tirelessly on their behalf."

There are three people running for the nomination in Moosomin-Montmartre—Kevin Weedmark, Kevin Kay, and Nevin Markwart. Weedmark is the only one of the three candidates who lives in the Moosomin-Montmartre riding.

Among many other endorsements, Weedmark has been endorsed by lawyer, broadcaster, and former Member of Parliament John Gormley and by former longtime Moosomin MLA Don Toth.

John Gormley

"Kevin has earned a well deserved reputation as a strong and passionate supporter of Southeastern Saskatchewan and the people of the Moosomin-Montmartre constituency," Gormley said.

"From his leadership and advocacy on local issues to his intelligence and diligence, Kevin would be a strong and committed voice for the people of this constituency."

"I urge everyone to buy a party membership and attend the nomination meeting on September 10th. We need Kevin Weedmark in the Saskatchewan Legislature!"

Weedmark said he welcomed Gormley's endorsement. "I've worked on a lot of stories over the years that John

picked up on. I was on his radio show often, talking about everything from the struggles to allow the Santos family to stay in Canada to our research that showed Statistics Canada had undercounted many Saskatchewan communities in the last census, to the federal government's trespassing on private land to test dugout water—the World-Spectator got the federal health ministry to admit it was doing the testing and to stop the testing pending a legal review. The provincial minister responsible for the Water Security Agency said he learned about the federal admission of what it was testing for from the World-Spectator. On each of those occasions John helped spread the word about what was happening."

"I respect John Gormley, and I'm happy to have his endorsement in this nomination battle."

Don Toth

Toth represented Moosomin in the Legislative Assembly for 30 years, from 1986 to 2016. He served as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in the first term of the Brad Wall government.

"I've had the pleasure of getting to know Kevin over the years, especially during my years as an MLA," Toth said.

"In fact whenever I'm in Moosomin I still take a moment to drop by and see how things are going. Kevin is a community person. I've noted his involvement in many community endeavours. While many local papers are struggling or closing their doors, he has continued to put out an award winning newspaper. I've been impressed not only with the quality of information the World-Spectator includes, but with the fact that Kevin and staff have included information from and about many community endeavours in surrounding commu-

nities. Kevin is also aware of the economic engine that fuels our economy as he continues to remind us of the important role agriculture, mining and oil and gas play in our area as well as the province.

"I believe Kevin will be an effective voice in the Legislative Assembly of our province and will represent the constituency of Moosomin well as an MLA."

Weedmark said he welcomed the endorsement of the former longtime Moosomin MLA.

"Don Toth is someone I have great respect for," he said. "He was respected by people from all sides throughout his career, and always carried himself with dignity. To have his support means a lot to me."

"I'm encouraged by the support I have had from people across the constituency. It's great to hear such strong support from so many people, but to hear those words of support from someone like Don Toth, with his unimpeachable reputation, really means a lot."

The Moosomin-Montmartre nominating meeting is coming up Tuesday, September 10 from 6-8 pm at the Grenfell Community Hall.

To vote, individuals must live in the constituency, must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents, must be a Saskatchewan Party membership, and must be 14 or older. Memberships can be purchased until September 3 at 4 pm at https://www.saskparty.com/become_a_member

Weedmark is the president of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce, chair of the Moosomin Housing Authority, a member of the Moosomin Economic Development Committee, and a member of the Community Builders Alliance.

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Visits Redvers Ag: Scott Moe visits southeast Saskatchewan

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Premier Scott Moe visited southeast Saskatchewan Tuesday. He toured the town of Redvers and local businesses, along with other communities in the Cannington constituency. Ashley Bochek and Kevin Weedmark met with the premier at Redvers Ag. The premier started by saying the World-Spectator stands out as a media outlet. "It is a great business and there is not a lot of vibrant young people in it. Your paper is one of the exceptions to what has been happening in the last five years. You have to report the news and reporting what the people want to read, not all the papers are doing that. It is a struggling market, but there are ways through that and the World-Spectator shows that it can be done, and a few others are as well," Moe said.

The full interview follows:

Why are you here in Redvers today and what is the purpose of this tour?

We have been out in a number of communities from corner to corner to corner of this province. Redvers today is just a continuation of that, greeting and talking to people about what is working well in their community and how the province can continue to support the work that is happening in many of our communities including today in the Cannington constituency. Then, also asking where do we need to do some additional work together and there is always good answers, but how you learn and how you can ultimately bring some better information to the decisions the government makes is to listen to people just like we are in this constituency today, talking to the people here in Redvers.

When you do tours like this and talk with different communities and hear their issues, does it go back to the government to be discussed on the provincial level? Does it make a difference?

It goes back in three different ways. First, is the specific issues that will be raised and Daryl Harrison, the MLA here, has to raise this with the relevant minister and have a discussion about what is the best path forward from the perspective of the community, what are some of the hold-ups or why it is the way it is from the perspective of the government and then let's chart a path forward. There are specific issues that are raised that we are trying to navigate through with the MLA and the relevant minister.

Secondly, it provides myself and the MLA both with new macro information on what is happening in rural communities and RMs in this part of the province.

Then the third way, I have the opportunity to visit a number of different communities. For example, two weeks ago I was in Fond-du-Lac, a week before that I was in Frontier, Saskatchewan, and then I live about in the middle of the province, just outside of Prince Albert. Then to bring all of that together for a summary for both our cabinet and caucus to know what is on the minds in certain areas.

We are a very diverse province from our urban centres, to our rural communities, to our northern communities, and this area of the province which is not only focused on agriculture, but has one of the strongest oil industries in not only in Saskatchewan and Canada, but the world and starting to look into things such as lithium and other resources. You get up to Moosomin and you're in the potash mines as well as pipeline transfers, so there is diversity in our province and we are able to bring that together through visiting the various communities.

What have you heard in the Cannington constituency today?

I have heard a lot on agriculture today with where we are, and the weather the last few days which is typical in a rural area. I know that we have got about three inches of rain over the last few days and a few areas that had quite a bit of wind, but the crops are starting to come off around average and we wish everyone a safe and prosperous harvest in this area.

Access to health care is always a concern in rural communities and I would say there are some pretty innovative models down here where the community is very much involved in not only physician re-



Kevin Weedmark photo

Ashley Bochek of the World-Spectator interviewing Premier of Saskatchewan Scott Moe in Redvers.

cruitment, but actually employing physicians and everything else. It's always nice to get down and come talk to the leaders, not only town councils, and RM councils, but community leaders. Communities are heavily invested in their health care operations and access to health care for the people they represent and that is extremely helpful for myself, personally, but also for Daryl who will be communicating as well back to the health minister where a few challenges are, but also where a few things are working and working well. Those are the two things that came up.

Also, highways questions as well. We haven't been able to fix all of the highways in the province as hard as we have attempted, but we are going to keep trying and there is more work to do.

The other one that was interesting, we were just at the Southeast Butcher Block, and that was interesting to talk to them— he actually has global market access.

It is outside the parameters of our general funding structure, but we looked at it as a one-off pilot project because we were asked to by the community. It's a rare situation where we had an industry partner come forward and we had a community come forward to look at doing this funding formula that really hadn't been done before to address the needs of the area. Not only Moosomin many other places in the province are changing. They're changing all the time. We have Nutrien that is a world-class mining company and we have some of the world's largest mining companies that are actively investing not millions, not hundreds of millions of dollars, but billions of dollars right here in the province of Saskatchewan. Connectivity and access is an important discussion for our province, but it is an equally important discussion for many of our communities that are connected to these companies that are working in the global space.

Scott Moe on Grenfell's nursing home:

"Ultimately the community of Grenfell can know that the government is committed to this project, we're building this project, and it will be back to tender as quickly as possible."

On Moosomin's CT Scanner proposal:

"I think it is very real that we would move forward with some type of diagnostic model in the community of Moosomin."

epitome of value added where they are taking animals from the area and making them into prime cuts and selling it back to people in the area, the region, and then also shipping them off to some of the grocery stores of the area—that a value-added resiliency measure for local producers. Then, we were talking about how global cattle prices really have an impact on the profitability of that business and the profitability of the farms, so they're insulating themselves and making themselves more resilient from an operational local value added perspective. Then, I was talking about some of the work our global trade offices are doing, in ensuring we have market access for their products in not only the US, but some other countries around the world as well. I found that interesting how the two are very different initiatives, but very much working in tandem to ensure the market access, the profitability, the efficiency of our local ranchers in this case. That's an example of things that are working well.

Last year the provincial government came on board with funding Moosomin's airport with a unique four-way funding partnership. The runway is now completed and the Air Ambulance is serving the area as well as corporate jets. What do you think about this project and do you think that unique structure is a way forward for a lot of rural projects?

When you look at our agriculture industry, and look who is investing in that space, when you look at our mining, you look at the companies that are investing in the potash space as well as the uranium and copper space, those are globally invested companies and companies with global stature. The same holds true for our energy industry down in this part of the province.

Saskatchewan very much is a global player that is why we have a provincial presence on the ground in nine different countries. That is why you see the Saskatchewan government in Washington, DC, and other areas of the US advocating on behalf of the industries that are creating wealth in our communities including the community of Moosomin. That is why I think it is important and a credit to the folks in Moosomin that really initiated this project by coming forward and putting together the partnership group that ultimately funded it.

It was a good project, but not one that fit in the parameters of what government has traditionally done, but a very beneficial project for not only Moosomin, but for the surrounding area. It was a good project for this province as well.

In Grenfell the nursing home project is awaiting retendering. What would you say to the people of Grenfell regarding the future of this project?

There are a lot of variables in tendering any project right now. As we have in excess of 20 schools that are either in the planning stages or actually being constructed as we speak. We have a number of long-term care facilities, a few hospitals, highways and all sorts of other provincial infrastructure in the planning stages. What we are finding is a high degree of variability in the tenders that have been issued. So at times—and this isn't the first time and I doubt it will be the last time—when some of those tenders fall outside the parameters of what is reasonable, we get back together and regroup and then retender with some different parameters so that we can ensure the project is being built, but in the parameters the SHA (Saskatchewan Health Authority) has, and the expectations of the community.

Ultimately the community of Grenfell can know that the government is committed to this project, we're building this project, and it will be back to tender as quickly as possible.

The Moosomin District Healthcare Foundation has been working on a proposal for a CT scanner for the Southeast Integrated Care Centre and there was some indication from the province earlier this year there might be a unique solution to that issue. Do you know where that process is at right now or what do you think in general of the need for advanced diagnostic equipment in rural Saskatchewan?

I think there is an opportunity for this. There are a number of different ways it could move forward. There is public partnerships, private partnerships, public commitments, there are public MRIs that could be placed in communities as well. We just went through a similar discussion with an MRI in the community of Estevan and a CT discussion a few years ago in the community of Melfort.

What is important here is three things, one is for the community to continue to work with the Saskatchewan Health Authority on what model they feel is best going to serve the community, and then have the Saskatchewan Health Authority weigh in as well with some of the data they have. Then work with the locally elected representatives as well to ensure that we are satisfying both those demands as we look forward to whatever that model may be. I think it is very real that we would move forward with some type of diagnostic model in the community of Moosomin. The need has been put forward by the community again and we're thankful for that. I think the SHA is finding a way to incorporate their data into it. Now it is just a matter of what model is going to work best for everyone else involved and we'll find a place for that. Certainly I think we will move forward with it in the not so distant future.

We are very fortunate in a community like Moosomin which is experiencing population growth and experiencing economic investment in the area, and it is very indicative of what is happening in the province. As we grow our services to the people that live there, like diagnostic services—that is only possible through the strength of a growing and vibrant economy and so we are very fortunate as Moosomin is kind of a litmus test as to what is happening in the rest of the province of Saskatchewan. We're so very fortunate to live in what I think is the best province, in what I still believe is the best nation in the world.

In communities like Redvers, retention of health care professionals is an issue. What can the provincial government do to help in rural communities facing this issue?

Those are some of the discussions we had not just in Redvers, but in Stoughton and other communities on various medical health professionals whether that be physicians, access to nurse practitioners, RNs that are providing services and we do have a provincial health and resource action plan which is one of the most ambitious in the Canada, but we also need to remember and ensure that we are working closely with the needs in each community and Redvers is among them.

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Visits Redvers Ag: Scott Moe visits southeast Saskatchewan

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One of the pieces of our health care human resources plan is the Saskatchewan Healthcare Recruitment Agency. We want this group to be a focus on recruiting any health care disciplines that we need. We have the SHA which is the employer, the local communities which have their own recruitment committees—I was on one in my community before I was elected—for the provincial recruitment agency to come in and really overlay with the local community so that our supports are complementing some of the local communities so that we're more successful. It is different from community to community some are providing some housing, some are providing some incentives, and we just want to make sure that we are not trampling on one another, but we're actually working together.

With the general election coming up this fall, what are the main messages the Saskatchewan party is going to be trying to get out to the people of the province?

Each of us that have served in government and on both sides, opposition or government, we're certainly imperfect individuals and we haven't been perfect as a government and we understand that. Where we have made errors what we try to do is get on tours like this, listen to people, and change the direction we may have taken. We're always working to make the best decisions. That being said, when election time comes around whether that be municipal, provincial, or federal, it is not about perfection. Elections are about choosing and a choice of who is going to make those very decisions on behalf of you at the provincial level over the course of the next four years so we will be running on the record that we have which has been a growth-focused record and what we do with the growth of our economy, growth of our population, and the growth of our communities is we reinvest that, buy into the very communities that we represent, a



Premier Scott Moe talking with some members of Redvers Town Council at Redvers Ag on Tuesday.

water-treatment facility in Redvers for example, an airport in Moosomin, possibly a diagnostics centre in the future in the com-

munity of Moosomin. Those are examples of the investments that are only possible when there is a strong, growing, vibrant economy in our communities and in our province. That is what is attracting young people to stay here and to live here, and to raise their family in the same way that I was so fortunate to be raised in this province and you can contrast that with other parties that are running. They just sim-

Scott Moe on the future under a Sask Party government:
"We will invest and continue to grow our economy in Saskatchewan so we can build a brighter future for the younger generation."

ply don't have that record of growing the Saskatchewan economy and growing our own opportunities for people to stay here

and growing the opportunity we have as a province to reinvest back into our communities.

What we are hearing in our travels is that we have some work to do when it comes to access to health care in all communities, access to surgeries, to primary health care in some of our rural and remote and northern communities and we are working very hard on that through

investments.

There is over \$100 million in the most ambitious health human resource plan in the nation of Canada. Investments we are making in capital infrastructure to make sure the people that are offering those services to our communities have a reasonable place and adequate place they can work in. We have heard about the very real challenge around mental health and the all-too-often subsequent addictions and you're seeing what this government is doing in building out our recovery spaces, but also building out some of our law enforcement to ensure that the drugs—which are not the drugs of yesterday they're literally poison that is being presented in our communities today and it is not a community away, it is our community members, our friends, and all too often our family. Those drugs need to be taken away from the drug dealers and the drug dealers need to be removed from our communities, and the way forward in that space is to increase some of our law enforcement presence.

We're hearing about affordability, but we are also hearing and realizing that Saskatchewan today is the most affordable province in Canada to live. Our inflation rate is also the lowest in the nation of Canada. We understand that the cost of living and our paycheques are just not going as far as they did a few years ago. Relative to other provinces, we are doing much better as the most affordable place, but it still doesn't change the fact that a paycheque is buying less than it did years ago, and certainly talking to Saskatchewan people about that as well. It is an exciting time, but a time where there is more work to do and we're committed to doing that and that will be the value proposition that we put forward to the people of Saskatchewan as we enter into the next election. We will invest and continue to grow our economy in Saskatchewan so we can build a brighter future for the younger generation.



At left, MLA Daryl Harrison and Premier Scott Moe listening to Redvers community members. At right, The Dangstorp family, owners of Redvers Ag takes picture with MLA Daryl Harrison and Premier Scott Moe.

Kevin Weedmark photos



Above, Premier Moe shaking Jenna Dangstorp's hand. At left, Premier Moe with Redvers Town Council members and MLA Daryl Harrison.

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Expanded TMEI funding aims to grow Sask mining industry

By RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Saskatchewan is growing to become a mineral exploration hot spot, and the government is keen on attracting more new business development. Recently, the Ministry of Energy and Resources' Targeted Mineral Exploration Incentive reported an increase in its annual funding cap—up from \$750,000 to \$4 million, also expanding the program's scope in the process to include all hard rock minerals in any region throughout the province.

"We're open for business and proud of it," said Energy and Resource Minister Jim Reiter. He credits competitive exploration support programs like the TMEI as being attractive to perspective companies looking to set up shop in Saskatchewan.

The incentive is designed to focus specifically on mineral exploration, and even more specifically on drilling. Companies that have drilled for hard rock minerals over the past year can submit an application to the TMEI and would be eligible for a 25 per cent grant towards drilling costs, up to a maximum of \$50,000 per year for uranium and \$150,000 per year with all other hard rock minerals.

The TMEI program first launched back in 2018 with a goal to diversify the provincial mineral sector. At that time, it was a route to help bolster drilling and exploration, but with last year's Critical Minerals Strategy, one goal was to increase Saskatchewan's share of national mineral exploration spending to 15 per cent by 2030. This target doubles the number of critical minerals produced in the province, in turn growing production of potash, uranium and helium, plus establishing Saskatchewan as a rare earth element hub.

"It is a lofty target, but we think we're going to get there, or at least very close to it," Reiter replied when asked about the 15 per cent by 2030 goal. "The program is pretty new, but it's been working. In 2022, we had eight per cent of all the Canadian exploration spending; last year we were at 10.2 per cent, so we had a big jump there. Our projections are showing that by the end of this year, it's supposed to hit 10.8 per cent.



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Nutrien Scissors Creek

"It takes these kinds of programs a little bit of time for industry to be aware and to take advantage of them. So we think we're definitely moving in the right direction," he continued. "There's the traditional minerals that have always been important in Saskatchewan—potash and uranium—we're seeing a lot of exploration still in those, but we're also seeing it in other areas too. So we think this is going to just keep growing."

Another indication of growth is in the number of companies getting involved in the TMEI program—up from five in 2023 to 28 this year. Those 28 exploration projects made \$62.3 million in overall drill project expenditures, which is a huge gain from \$9.8 million in the year previous.

In terms of production numbers (in volume), the most recent data from 2023 showed potash accounting for 63 per cent, while a variety of other minerals such as gold, copper, zinc, silver and sodium sulphate, bentonite, and coal made up another 32 per cent with salt and uranium comprising the remainder.

So why is mineral exploration so important in Saskatchewan right now?

"That's what the companies look at before they actually develop the mines, which is an important part of the process," Reiter said. "Then that sort of begs the question, 'well, why do you want to enhance the mining industry anyway?' It's simply because it diversifies our economy. It creates revenues for the province, it creates jobs for our citizens, and that's what it's all about—the revenues for the province is used for things that all our citizens want—for healthcare, for education, for our highways, for social services."

Potash and uranium have been important to the province for many years, but rare earth elements are also prevalent—often found in uranium deposits. Thanks to continued work by the Saskatchewan Research Council, extracting REEs from those deposits is becoming more economical, poising the province for a potential boom as other markets decline. China is the world's largest producer of REEs at 95 per cent, meeting around 97 per cent of



Jim Reiter, Sask Minister of Energy and Resources

global demand. But their market has noted decrease in exports over the past decade.

"It's expanding in a lot of areas. It's not just the existing ones we're used to getting larger—that's happening—but we're also seeing development in areas we've never had before," Reiter said of overall development in the province, also pointing to Foran Mining's McIlvenna Bay copper mine in northeast Saskatchewan as an example.

As for the southeast corner of the province—a land traditionally known for oil and gas—Reiter sees potential for the area. None of the 28 approved projects this year are based in the southeast, but there is interest nonetheless.

"I think the southeast part of the province, we are going to see expansion there," Reiter said. "We're used to it being an oil and gas area, but we're seeing a lot of interest in that area because of helium and lithium."

Businesses interested in the TMEI can apply through the provincial government website, or as Reiter advises, by contacting the Ministry of Energy and Resources.

"Or they can contact my office," he added. "We'll direct them to the right folks. It's very easy to get their questions answered and help with doing that."



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Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

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September Markets on Main

September is almost here! Join us Thursday nights starting September 5 from 3-7 pm. Discover a variety of local vendors, enjoy live musical entertainment, savour delicious BBQ, and more. Want to book a table? Contact the Rec Office to reserve your spot. 306-645-2164 or rocanville.rec@sasktel.net. Tables are free.

Terry Fox Walk/Run

Date and time: September 15 at 2 pm
Location: Rocanville X-country ski trails.

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Rocanville Economic Development

We will be having a lunch meeting on September 12 at 12 pm at the Nutrien Hall. Lunch Menu: Flatbread pizza and soup - \$18/person. RSVP by September 5 by emailing rocanville.rec@sasktel.net

Storefront Decoration Contest

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Fall Decorating Contest

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Join the fun!

The Rocanville Museum's summer events are a perfect opportunity for families and community members to come together and enjoy a variety of entertaining activities. There is something for everyone at the Rocanville Museum!

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In addition to the disc golf course, the Rocanville trails include five kilometers of walking trails. These trails are well-maintained and provide a perfect setting for those who enjoy walking. Nordic poles are available at the clubhouse. Visitors are advised to exercise caution while on the trails. The area is known for its wildlife, and there have been recent sightings of bears.

For safety reasons, the trails and disc golf course are only accessible when dry.

Rocanville Town and Country Golf Course

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Rocanville Community Centre

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Chris Ball NDP candidate for Moosomin-Montmartre riding

The Saskatchewan NDP has named Chris Ball as candidate in Moosomin-Montmartre for the next provincial election. Ball was nominated by local Saskatchewan New Democrat members on August 28. "I am honoured to be the Sask NDP candidate here in Moosomin-Montmartre," said Ball. "I am ready to serve my community in the legislature and deliver on Carla

Beck's plan to make life more affordable and to grow our economy." Chris Ball grew up in Wolseley and lives with his family in Indian Head. He has been a member of the volunteer fire department in Indian Head for 15 years. Ball works operating a mobile service truck for commercial tractor trailers and farm implements. Chris has been advocating

for improved mental health support since he and his wife tragically lost their son in 2017. "I am happy that Chris is joining our team," said Saskatchewan NDP Leader Carla Beck. "His dedication and advocacy will make him an outstanding representative for Moosomin-Montmartre." Ball is the fifty-second candidate nominated for the Saskatchewan NDP.

Early bird draws made in Rocanville Lucky Lottery

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

There's less than a month to go in this year's installment of the Rocanville Lucky Lottery, and according to board chair Kirby Fowler, the big push is on. "We're ahead of where we were last year, or for the first year, for that matter," he said. "We've got about 560 tickets remaining, which means we've sold just shy of 1,000 tickets and our 50/50 is currently sitting at \$18,975." The lottery held their early bird draw last Wednesday night with the draw held over at the Nutrien Rocanville Community Hall. An e-bike valued at \$1,886 was won by Glen Springer, and four \$250 Co-op gift cards were also drawn, going to Marsha Sabo, Harvey Norton, Teresa Carter, and Brett and Mamy Logan. All five tickets were put back into the big drum for the grand prize draw coming up on Sept. 28. Up for grabs that night will be the big \$100,000 prize, a \$5,000 travel voucher, four \$1,000 cash prizes, and five \$500 cash prizes. The 50/50 will also be

drawn the same night, which has a maximum prize payout of \$60,000. "All money raised stays in the community, for the community," Fowler said. "So between all of our rec facilities and rec groups like the swimming club, the pool itself, the skating rink, minor hockey, minor ball, our dance club—any group that needs funding, we're more than happy to try and help them out. The more tickets we sell, the more money we have to give away." Fowler would like to see more traffic on the lottery's Facebook page, and tickets can also be purchased through the rocanvillelotto.ca website, from any board member, and local participating businesses. "We're really hoping for a sellout this year," Fowler said, adding that calls by volunteers to previous donors over the past weeks have gone very well. "We're calling our previous customers, which, again, it's not generating us new sales, but it is reminding everybody, and it seems that people are holding off on buying until they get that

little poke, and then we've made lots of sales that way." In 2023, the Rocanville Lucky Lottery was able to give \$35,500 to several local recreation groups, and the group is looking forward to sharing the wealth again this year.

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(Section 66 of the Act)

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- Councillor for Division 5**
- Councillor for Division 7**
- Reeve**

will be received by the undersigned on the **9th day of October, 2024** from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at 602 Main Street, Moosomin, Saskatchewan, and during regular business hours (8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm) from **Tuesday, September 3rd to Tuesday, October 8th, 2024** at 602 Main Street, Moosomin, Saskatchewan.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Municipal Office - 602 Main Street, Moosomin, Saskatchewan.

Dated this 3rd day of September, 2024.

Kendra Lawrence
Returning Officer

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NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ANTLER NO. 61

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Jocelyne Toms-Delmaire
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Minister of Rural and Remote Health: Tim McLeod at September Chamber meeting

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Also at the September Chamber meeting there will be discussion on Moosomin's \$30,000 residential construction incentive.

Councillor Murray Gray and Economic Development Officer Casey McCormac will be at the meeting to discuss the incentive.

Under Moosomin's plan, if you develop a new housing unit in Moosomin—a home, an RTM, a modular home, a mobile home, a basement suite, a garage suite, a townhome, or a backyard suite—the town will pay you \$30,000 once an occupancy permit is issued.

Build an apartment building, condo building, or multi-family housing development and the town will pay you \$30,000 for the first door and \$8,000 for each additional door.

The incentive plan applies to any residential building permit issued since August 21 of last year.

The cost of the program is covered by a \$1 million federal Housing Accelerator Fund. Moosomin is one of only a handful of communities on the Prairies to be approved for grants under the Housing Accelerator Fund.

Moosomin is receiving \$992,000 in funding. The town of Outlook and the City of Humboldt are the only two other municipalities in Saskatchewan to have Housing Accelerator funding announced in recent weeks.

There will also be a presentation from Play Fair Daycare at the September 10 Chamber meeting.

The daycare has been approved for 90 additional spaces, and is planning a second building to accommodate the new spaces.

The Southeast Cornerstone School Division is providing land at the south end of the MacLeod School playground for construction of the new daycare building.

The daycare will be financing part of the cost, using a government grant for part of the cost, and fundraising the rest of the

cost.

The Chamber meeting is set for Tuesday,

September 10 at the Canalta Hotel in Moosomin.

The meeting begins at 11:45 am and lunch is provided.



Apartments under construction

Ashley Bochek photo

Keller Developments is constructing two new apartment buildings in Moosomin, and a sixplex is on the way. The town instituted a unique residential construction incentive program to incentivize residential construction.

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Fundraising auction planned for Catherine Stanhope

BY KARA KINNA

A group of people has come together to raise money for Catherine Stanhope of Rocanville.

Catherine has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. She has had ongoing tests since her initial mammogram in April and will have more tests and medical trips over the next few months, as well as up to six months of chemotherapy, surgery and radiation.

An online silent auction will be held for Catherine from September 22 to September 28, and an account has been set up at Conexus Credit Union for donations. Etransfers can also be made to catherinesmedicalexpenses@gmail.com.

The fundraiser is being organized by Heather Swanson-Tremblay, Carlene Bergstrom, Donna Stanhope, Sandra McCutcheon, and Saron Prazma.

This is Catherine's second time battling cancer.

"Four years ago she went through cancer, she had a tumor in her neck, and she was just finishing up appointments for that when they found the breast cancer," says Catherine's friend Heather Swanson-Tremblay.

"So she's been waiting five months and now she has five months of treatments. Then she'll have a rest, a surgery, another rest, then radiation, another rest and then immunotherapy. So she's going on at least ten months of a lot of trips. They're hoping to be able to do some in Moosomin but that's not a guarantee yet.

"Most of the trips will be to Regina. That's five months which is 20 trips to Regina just for chemotherapy if she has to do them all in Regina."

"For them (Catherine and her husband Wade), having gone through this once already, it's



Catherine Stanhope and her husband Wade Stanhope.

quite a hit to the finances to have to turn around and do it again. It's a scary time," adds Carlene Bergstrom, who is helping to organize the fundraiser.

Both Catherine and Wade are off work due to Catherine's medical situation.

"They're going to be pretty much home-bound because she's

very susceptible to any germs," says Heather. "She's not going to get much life outside of their home and he'll run for the groceries and do that kind of thing but she's going to be kind of stuck.

"So there's no income coming in for them."

The friends says they knew when Catherine was diagnosed

for a second time that they had to do something.

"They've gone through this once already," says Heather. "She really wasn't in favour of a fundraiser last time but when I approached her this time, knowing how much it cost last time, she agreed to let us do it. If we can take a bit of burden off of them,

why not?"

"If you've ever met Catherine, she is the most bubbly, loving and caring person. She's amazing," says Carlene.

"She's a sweetheart. She's worked at Conexus and she's worked at the greenhouse—she's worked at a lot of places so a lot of people know her and we're all rooting for her," says Heather.

"It's us five friends coming together and the community, trying to help them out through this tough time. It's nothing that anybody wants to face," adds Carlene.

The friends say it's a tough time, but it's also rewarding to be able to help.

"People have been amazing," says Heather. "I was collecting silent auction items last week and I went home and sent a voice message out in our group chat that was saying how full my heart was. It's just unbelievable how amazing people have been and how they respond back when you walk in with this. It's unbelievable."

"At a time when you feel helpless to help them, you have to try something. You have to help them. You have to reach out," says Carlene.

"Most people have been very supportive," says Heather. "Some people can't financially help but they're willing to put the poster up, so I think everybody that we've talked to is going to have a huge part in it, whether they donate or they don't. It's not always about donating, it's about getting it out there too."

Silent auction items can be dropped off at Shear Success Hair Salon, or can be donated by calling Heather at 306-434-8007, Carlene at 306-740-7611, Donna at 306-435-9332, Sandra at 306-435-7961, or Sharon at 306-740-7224.



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New hospital among topics at Esterhazy public meeting

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Esterhazy hosted a town hall meeting to update residents on a variety of topics last Tuesday evening. Just under 100 people gathered at the SN Boreen Centre as local politicians and experts took to the stage with their project updates and announcements.

"This is something we've been talking about for a number of years, wanting to do something to let people know where the money's going and for the sake of transparency," Mayor Grant Forster told the World-Spectator as people filed in moments before the meeting began. "We actually had one in the planning stages, and then COVID hit, and for whatever reason we haven't been able to get back to it until now."

Town of Esterhazy CAO Tammy MacDonald was pleased with the crowd of residents, members of Town Council and those from neighbouring RMs.

"We weren't sure how this was going to go and how many people would come, and putting the schedule together with the agenda, how it would look," MacDonald said. "I realized really quickly there's a lot going on in town, and there's a lot of things that the community does need to know."

Melville-Saltcoats MLA Warren Kaeding moderated the evening, and also included his comments on various topics.

"I think it's a great opportunity for a community to be able to hear from their elected officials and from those that are supporting them with services, to hear about what's going on in your community," he said.

One project of particular interest in Esterhazy is the new hospital, which has kept everyone anxiously waiting for an update. Announced in the March 2023 budget, the province dedicated \$250,000 towards a new integrated health care facility. Those dollars were allocated to initiate a planning and development study.

"What that was going to do was determine the scope of the project and then advance toward a decision that was going to really enable the project to move forward to what's called the business case," explained Kaeding.

He added how integrating both the hospital and long-term care makes sense in terms of shared services and staff.

"We've got planning dollars, so now we're trying to figure out exactly what will this facility look like," Kaeding said. "So we've got X-number of long term care beds. We've looked at the demographics in the area. Do we need more long term care beds? Do we need more acute care beds? Do we need more palliative care? What do we need in all of these facilities?"

"Once we've kind of got that business case put together, then we're going to move to that, which ultimately allows more planning dollars," he continued. "And now we start looking at the footprint, where would a project of this magnitude fit best in your town."

In a rough estimate, Kaeding believes the new facility could be eight to 10 acres in size.

"So if you're looking at a site that's 10 acres in size, you're looking at—I did the math on that—435,600 square feet," Kaeding said. "That's two football fields by two football fields. That's actually a pretty significant space that you're going to need to put a facility of this size on, and then taking into account ease of accessibility, water and sewer, power, all the utilities that go to it. So there's a lot of things that now have to go into that planning development phase if you're going to build this facility, where is it best to serve your community."

The town has a few possible locations that would serve well to host the new facility, but does require the official approval from the Saskatchewan Health Authority before any work can be undertaken.

Kaeding did offer a glimmer of hope in closing his hospital update, though.

"I'm certainly hoping that I'm back on this stage here in a few weeks to give you a lot more detail as to where we're at," he said with a smile.

Changes at Emmanuel Health

While on the subject of health care in Esterhazy, Emmanuel Health's new CEO and president Corey Miller was on-hand to deliver some staffing news. As many locals know, Emmanuel Health came to exist during the amalgamation of health regions across the province, ultimately forming the SHA. That prompted publicly-funded Catholic healthcare facilities across the province to also amalgamate with facilities in Macklin, Saskatoon, Pon-toix, Gravelbourg, Moose Jaw, Regina, Radville, Estevan, Melville, and the current St. Anthony's Hospital in Esterhazy to become Emmanuel Health.

"It's a little bit different than the Saskatchewan Health Authority," explained Miller, who previously worked at SHA for 30 years before coming to his current role. "Each of our communities where we have a facility, we have a local council, so that replaces what used to be called the hospital board. It's a unique structure that we felt was beneficial as an organization because it gave the local community a say, a voice, and you were also the ears and eyes of the organization."

Local councils also have the ability to place a member on Emmanuel Health's board of directors—something Esterhazy does not have, representation at that level.

"We do have a local council, but we are always looking to recruit, so I would just put a bug in everyone's ear tonight," Miller said. "The ideal number for a local council is between seven and nine at a community of this size, and then to have somebody volunteer to be willing to sit on the Emmanuel Health Board of Directors really gives



Above left: Warren Kaeding, MLA for Melville-Saltcoats, moderated a town hall meeting in Esterhazy last week, where he also had the opportunity to update residents on important local topics.

Above: Esterhazy Mayor Grant Forster outlined some of the major budgetary items the Town navigated, plus provided insight on the upcoming digital water meters.



Left: Emmanuel Health president and CEO Corey Miller (right) introduces Nicole Smalley, new executive director at St. Anthony's Hospital.

you a say in how our organization runs as a whole."

Another new local face is Nicole Smalley, who has just taken on the role of executive director at St. Anthony's Hospital. Previous to Smalley was Daniela Fiske, who retired from the role.

"Nicole is the new executive director here at St. Anthony's, I think this is week three," Miller said. "So welcome Nicole to the community of Esterhazy as your new healthcare leader in the facility."

Smalley has a Registered Nurse background, and hails from Yorkton where she worked for 10 years in Emergency, and three years in Management.

"It's been wonderful and overwhelming, and I've been really enjoying the community," she said of her warm welcome to Esterhazy. "Like Corey said, we're very excited we have a full complement of physicians."

Emmanuel Health is also part of the planning committee for the new integrated facility, and are also keen on hearing more on the second phase of development.

"We've been a part of phase one, and that was the functional planning," Miller said. "So Emmanuel Health, as the operator of the acute care, we worked with SaskBuild and their consultants. They've hired consultants that are planning what is the functional services that will be delivered within the new integrated facility."

Miller added that Emmanuel Health was part of the assessment of current services, including in the long-term care at the Centennial Special Care Home.

"They've moved into phase two now, and I think the community has done a great job," Miller said.

Town budget items

Mayor Grant Forster outlined some of the budgetary highlights from the Town of Esterhazy, beginning with a breakdown of the more than \$8.25 million in revenues received in the last fiscal year. Around \$4.17 million of that comes from taxes (\$3.04 million) and utilities (\$1.129 million), but the town has also been the beneficiary of more than \$2.187 million in grants as well.

"This is huge for us," Forster said. "This is money that we're receiving—sometimes with strings attached, sometimes without strings attached—but for the most part, it's money that goes directly into our budget to help us provide the goods services that you need."

MacDonald noted this past year's budget as being quite substantial as compared to the average.

"This is one of the highest budgets I've ever seen," she said. "Going back to all of our financials, we have not had a budget ever this big. Overall, it was a \$15 million budget this year. Typically, we're running around a \$5 million budget."

One unique revenue item is a transferred surplus from the 2022/23 year of more than \$1.22 million, comprised of money accumulated over the years.

"We don't typically transfer money for reserves every year, unless we absolutely need to," Forster said, noting the surplus will be devoted to offset the cost of Esterhazy's coming switch to digital smart water meters.

On the expenses side, the town noted a \$1.362 million capital budget with economic development making up the majority of the expenditures (37 per cent, or \$500,000).

"What we're doing there is setting up annually about

a quarter of a million dollars for preparing for future needs," Forster explained. Part of that future planning is devoted to future expansion and development, ensuring money is available for future land purchases.

"We're setting this money aside so that we can have some money in the future to be able to do this development and not have to go and look for big dollars at the time," Forster said.

Half of the economic development dollars were also courtesy of the 2023 surplus.

Paving was another key expense over the last fiscal year, seeing some \$455,000 (30 per cent) spent on road improvement.

"The major areas that were done are East Drive on Fourth Avenue, Babyak Street, and Rupert Bay," Forster noted. "As well, we're setting up a transfer to reserves for future paving projects that would also include the upgrading of some of our underground infrastructure. What we've decided to do going forward is, whenever we're going to be paving the street, we're going to make sure that the underground infrastructure below it is in decent shape."

The fire department also saw \$100,000, something that is anticipated to be an annual transfer to reserves for their future needs.

"This was the first year that we did it, looking forward to potentially some larger expenses down the road," Forster said of the 18-member department. With fire halls across the province facing increased costs as they align with new minimum standards, substantial upgrades in training and equipment have challenged the funding of municipalities.

Forster also spoke about money set aside for long term decommissioning at the landfill.

"What that means is we need to put money away to decommission a cell in the landfill," Forster explained. "So if we need to dig a new pit or start a new pile, that's the cost that we are incurring. The estimate to decommission a pit and start a new cell is around a million dollars, so we're setting aside \$50,000 a year towards that."

Forster concluded his budget breakdown by stressing how important investing in the future is for Esterhazy.

"We're proud of this place, we all are, and we believe in the town. We believe in the people in town, and we're willing to commit resources to improve our town," he said. "There will be little for our future, and for our future prosperity, if we don't make these investments today."

New water meters

After a year of discussions, plans to replace water meters in Esterhazy will come to fruition very soon. The town has been working with Metercorp to revamp the entire water meter system, launching Esterhazy into the world of smart meters.

"In a nutshell, this project is going to be replacing all of our old analog meters that are currently in our homes and our businesses with new digital meters," Forster said. "These meters will give us a lot of advantages. It will be instrumental in detecting and addressing water loss and leakages, and they do it much more efficiently."

The new system includes realtime meter readings using cell technology with the ability to accurately pinpoint leaks quickly. This allows for issues to be resolved immediately rather than having an issue being missed.

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"It's a proactive approach that we're excited about, and it also helps us conserve what is a fairly precious resource in the way of water," Forster said. "We're looking at this again as one of those forward-thinking things that we're doing, addressing a need today which will serve us for hopefully 50, 60 years down the road."

Forster noted that residents will also be able to manage water volume more effectively with the new system.

"With the new meters, you essentially pay for only the water that you use," he said. "Everyone right now is paying minimum charge on their bill. It's very likely that minimum charge is going to go away and you will only pay for the water that you use."

Utilizing \$789,000 received from the gas tax fund, switching over to digital meters was seen as something the town could accomplish without a huge investment.

"The net overall cost for us this year on water meters will be approximately half of the total cost of the meters, so it was a pretty easy decision to make when we were able to apply that gas tax," Forster said.

Metercor has experience in several centres, including Edmonton, Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Swift Current. The company will be sending out letters soon to residents explaining what the next steps in the process will be.

Water treatment plant

This year marks a half century since the current water treatment plant on Rupert Street went online. That's a long time to provide water to a community, and with changing times, it simply does not meet current drinking water regulations and standards. As Brandi Neibrandt, an engineer with Allied Infrastructure working closely on the regional water system pointed out, high amounts of ammonia in the raw water plus the existing facility not being able to reduce total dissolved solids created the need for a new water treatment plant.

"I am hopeful that we can all agree that the new water treatment plant was not just a want, but a necessity to ensure the community is provided with safe and reliable drinking water for the years to come," she said.

The \$29.9 million project is funded through a multi-level partnership with over \$11.9 million coming from the federal government, close to \$10 million from provincial coffers, and the remainder from the Town of Esterhazy. An added bonus, the local portion is money coming from reserves as Forster pointed out in his budget breakdown.

"Over the years, previous councils have identified that we were going to need this money—as well as our council now had set this money aside," he explained. "So it's money coming from reserves, there was no increase in taxes required at all for this project."

Once complete, the new plant will not only provide water for Esterhazy residents and businesses, but could also include the villages of Dubuc, Stockholm, and Yarbo plus surrounding rural landowners, and even Mosaic Potash.

"There's an awful lot of towns I know across this province that are very envious of the position that you folks are in here, to have a major capital upgrade like that without having to increase taxes or dip into a huge line of credit," said Kaeding.

Esterhazy gets its water from three underground wells west of town that tap into the Hatfield Valley Aquifer System—a source that also feeds other communities such as Churchbridge, Langenburg, Melville, Yorkton, and Langham. The wells range from 75 to 90 metres deep, and each one has a pumping capacity of 1,625 cubic meters per day.

Neibrandt detailed the process of how that water is pumped into town, and how new biological filters play an important role in the process.

"The first phase of the treatment process will consist of four biological filter trains," she said. "Each biological filter train consists of two pressure filters, which are operated in series. Biological water treatment involves the use of naturally occurring micro organisms typically found in water supplies to improve the water quality. The first filter is designed to biologically remove iron and arsenic, the second filter removes manganese and ammonia."

While conventional pretreatment would



Left: Sgt. Megan Stringfellow spoke about issues facing the Esterhazy and Langenburg RCMP during last Tuesday night's public meeting.



Right: Brandi Neibrandt of Allied Infrastructure updated residents on progress at the new water treatment plant.

commonly use chemicals, Neibrandt noted only air is needed start the biological process.

"The treated water produced by the biological pretreatment filters will then be stored in two above-grade, glass fused to steel treated water reservoirs," she said. "This provides a buffer between the two main treatment processes and ensures the membrane treatment units will remain operational during upset conditions with the biological filters or raw water system."

The filter trains Neibrandt spoke of are currently being constructed, part of the equipment currently arriving on-site and according to the construction timeline.

"In 2024, the remaining treatment equipment is scheduled to arrive on site," she explained. "All site undergrounds will be completed to connect the water treatment plant to the future above grade reservoirs, as well as the reservoir granular foundation."

From there, electrical work is expected to wrap up next year with the project anticipated to be online in the summer of 2026.

Next month, Neibrandt noted there will be a minor road closure to allow the tie in with the town's existing raw water system.

"We will work with the contractors to ensure that the disruptions are minimized," she said. "Signage will be in place outlining the detour, as well as accommodating access to the residents affected."

Next summer will be more significant with a larger road closure and some disruption to water in areas near the new facility.

"Once this work has been scheduled, notices to the public will be provided outlining these disruptions and those affected," Neibrandt said.

The project has been ongoing since 2018 when the town first applied for an Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program grant. The construction timeline was paused by the Covid-19 pandemic, which also meant long material lead times and increased costs on the project. These factors meant ground-work being delayed until spring of 2022, but by the end of 2023, the building and floor were complete.

Policing update

The Esterhazy RCMP Detachment has a huge coverage area—4,111 square kilometres, according to Sgt. Megan Stringfellow. The Detachment Commander for Esterhazy and Langenburg put that scale into perspective, noting that to travel from end to end takes an hour and 40 minutes.

It's been a busy year for the detachment as they responded to 2,079 calls for service—or around 300 calls per member. In addition to those calls, there are 1,708 proactive patrols and members have made 80 school visits over the past year.

"This year, our priorities are enhancing and supporting policing and community safety, which is our crime prevention, crime reduction and traffic safety, as well as building relationships and trust within the communities," Sgt. Stringfellow explained. "That's where our community involvement, visibility and patrol, school visits, school presentations—that's where all that falls."

The ability to do all that work seems to be constantly pinched as vacancies throughout the province continue to put a strain on resources.

"Currently, we have one hard vacancy in Esterhazy," Sgt. Stringfellow said. "Soon, we're going to have one more, Travis Knackstedt is transferring to Weyburn. So

we'll have two hard vacancies in Esterhazy and so that leaves us with two."

Overall, there's a 25 per cent vacancy rate in Saskatchewan—something that is set to change in the future.

"The province has committed to funding to fill our annex of 1,047 members," Sgt. Stringfellow noted. "What that means is we're going to try to push as many cadets through Depot as we can, and the province is committed to paying for those members."

She added that recruitment has been good, with an expected 40 troops this year and possibly 50 next year.

"If we recruit our own people out of Saskatchewan, they're guaranteed to come back to the province as long as that's what they want," Sgt. Stringfellow said. "So we're hoping to push a lot of people through, get them through Depot, and then get them back into the province to fill some of those vacancies throughout the province."

For the time being, surrounding detachments in Kamsack, Yorkton, Melville, Broadview, Moosomin, Russell, and Roblin often see assistance from their neighbours.

"Being that everybody has vacancies in the area, we do back each other up quite a bit," Sgt. Stringfellow said. "We help each other out when we can. When major calls come in, we can assist and go into the other detachment areas if we need."

She also underlined the importance of the Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network, which uses a mass notification program called Everbridge. Detachments from all over the province utilize the service, which sends out mass text messages and emails to subscribers in an effort to alert the public to suspicious people or circumstances.

"It allows us to more effectively and efficiently communicate accurate and reliable information to the public," Sgt. Stringfellow told the audience. "So we send the notifications out right from our detachment, and the purpose of that is to seek help from the public to solve and prevent crime and inform the public about a crime trend or an issue."

"When that detachment sends out the notification, then you'll get it on your phone as a text message, a phone call or an email. The more people that sign up, the better," she continued. "And then we have more eyes in our little area. As always, you can contact our detachment or Crime Stoppers if you do have any information or see anything suspicious in our area."

MLA Warren Kaeding also reminded those gathered that the age to join the RCMP has been shifted to anyone under 40 years of age, urging them to spread the word to family and friends.

"We have 146 towns in the province of Saskatchewan, so if we got another 170 members, we literally put another member per town out there," Kaeding said, referencing the number of recruits needed to fulfill the shortage. "So we're asking you to help us recruit, to make sure that we can keep our contingent staff here and that everyone feels safe and secure in their home."

Little Miners Daycare

While no new information was presented regarding Esterhazy's new daycare, Kaeding let those in attendance know about the addition of Little Miner's Daycare to the community.

"We currently have an extraordinary daycare in town called the Esterhazy Community Daycare Co-op, but they are maxed," he explained. "They have no ability now to

expand their services, to take on more kids, and the wait list is long. In fact, it's so long that it's now affecting the ability for Mosaic, for our health professionals, for anybody that are professionals moving into the area to come and start their family or bring their family here, because there's not enough daycare spots."

As a result, Kaeding noted young professionals are moving to places that do have open daycare spots instead of settling in Esterhazy.

"So it was important that another daycare was able to start up in town here," he said.

Little Miner's first came into existence last winter with the announcement of 60 new childcare spaces in Esterhazy; part of a larger announcement from the provincial government that promised more than 2,300 spaces in 51 communities thanks to a total investment of \$23.5 million.

Currently, Little Miner's Daycare is in the process of setting up in the Esterhazy High School where renovations have begun.

"I believe they're licensed for 55 spots as well as you're going to have an additional 15 unfunded school age spots, which is also important, because you do tend to age out of daycare," Kaeding said. "What do we do with these kids once they're out of daycare—they need to be able to get into kind of post-daycare care, and that's what this new daycare is going to be offering."

Plans are for the new daycare facility to be operational by early 2025, according to Kaeding, who added Little Miner's is not taking a wait list just yet. He also stressed that the new daycare is not in competition with the current one that has been serving the community's need for many years.

"What did our old pastor used to say in church; that you never turned away a crying baby because a crying baby in church meant your church community was growing," Kaeding said. "And I'd say the same for any community when you've got a need for a daycare—that is a tremendous positive for your community."

Question on speed

Despite more than an hour of presentations and a great variety of topics, very few questions came from those gathered in attendance.

One resident asked about a reduction in the speed limit entering Esterhazy from the east, in line with the speed reduction on the west side of town.

In her response, CAO Tammy MacDonald noted having contacted the Department of Highways, who had reduced the speed limit on one side of town.

"We have made the request for both sides to be done, they've only done it on the one," MacDonald said. "I'm unsure why the other side has not been done."

Another request has been submitted, but MacDonald had not received a response to date.

However, during MacDonald's reply, Kaeding assured both her and the resident posing the question that he would follow up with the Department of Highways.

Kaeding says province looking at Moosomin's \$30,000 housing initiative

A second question came regarding attraction and retention in Esterhazy, taking a note from the successful \$30,000 housing incentive found in nearby Moosomin.

"We're very fortunate to have the business core, and actually the growing business development that's going on in this area," Kaeding replied. "We're very fortunate to have Mosaic and Nutrien's flagship operations in this area, which has provided us with an awful lot of stability that not many other areas in Saskatchewan have. But with that come some issues, and certainly affordable and accessible housing is one of those."

Kaeding went on to credit the innovative solution the Town of Moosomin created, along with all the cross-country buzz the initiative has launched.

"Absolutely, I give Moosomin kudos—they're a very active, dynamic business community that is just thinking outside the box," he said. "And they definitely stimulated a lot of discussion within our caucus and government as to, is there opportunities now that this can be supported across the province; or certainly in areas where that need is identified? This would certainly be one of those areas."

Another town hall meeting will likely be held in the spring.



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