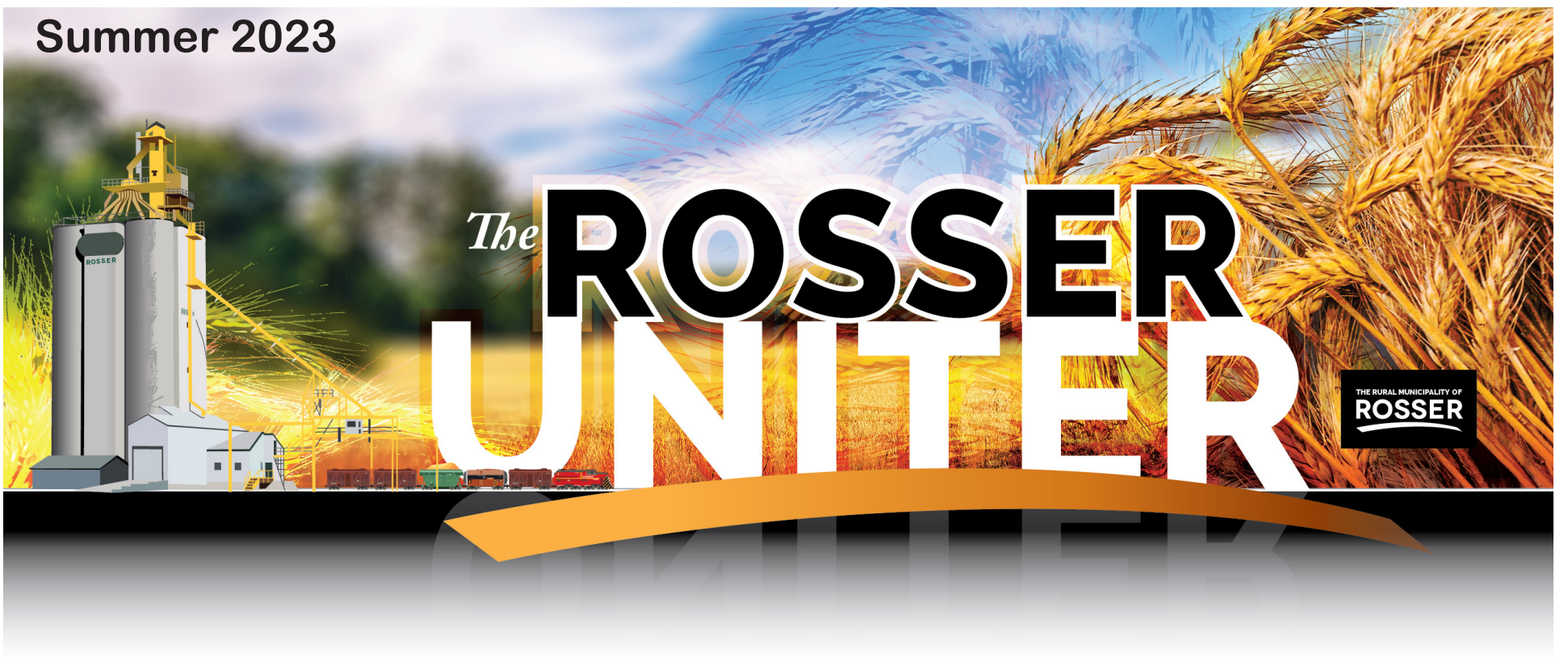


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Great finds can be had at Rosser's Giveaway Shed

They say one man's trash is another's treasure, and that scenario is being played out weekly at the Rosser Transfer Station.

There's a twist to it though, because the Giveaway Shed isn't full of trash, rather good quality items that people no longer have a use for.

Scott Broadfoot, the RM's Transfer Station supervisor, says people bring in all kinds of things, from kid's toys to lamps and household appliances and they're hoping they'll find a second home.

Broadfoot recalls one customer who had a dehumidifier he simply didn't need anymore. He left it at the Giveaway Shed and Broadfoot found a new home for it.

"A guy came in and saw it and said he was going to buy one in Winnipeg. I said 'well, the customer said it works,'" Broadfoot recalled.

"He took it home. That was over a year ago, it's still working. He didn't have to drive to Winnipeg and I didn't have to dispose of it."

There are countless similar stories, he said, and noted there's no risk involved in trying something from the Shed.

"Our return policy is really good, bring it back, you don't have to have a receipt," he laughed.

And people do return things they've picked up from the shed. There were some kids' toys that someone took home and when their kids were done with them, they brought them back for someone else to enjoy.

A life-long recycler, Broadfoot likes that kids are coming with their parents and learning about recycling.



Scott Broadfoot says there are treasures to be found in the giveaway shed, and he's happy to be diverting good quality items from the landfill.

"There's one family that comes every week and they've got to come into the shed. The little kids like it and that's what we like to see."

Not everything qualifies for the Giveaway Shed. Broadfoot says anything donated has to be in good working order and if it's furniture, it can't have an odour.

He says everyone has been really good about the Shed, bringing things that they hope will be picked up by someone else – stuff that's not ready for the landfill.

"A lot of times it's people that are moving, or someone has a family member that has

passed away," he said.

"They've got things, like say a chair, it's a good chair, but they have no use for it."

He pointed to a microwave stand that was featured in the Shed.

"People don't really have a use for those anymore, but I already know, a fella will take that and put it in his shop and put tools in it. It'll last a couple years, then it will be garbage, but he'll have got some use out of it," he said.

There was another family that was renovating a family home that was built by the grandfather. They were replacing the original

cabinets, and asked if Broadfoot thought they'd be a good fit for the Shed.

He said yes and they brought them in, intact, and someone snapped them up for his shop.

He says people are always finding treasures.

"That's sort of what happens here," Broadfoot says.

"We care about what we have here in the shed."

For more information on what is accepted, and what is not accepted, at the Transfer Station, go to rmofrosser.com under the 'Residents' tab where you will find Rosser Transfer Station.

Rosser Transfer Station Hours

Located north of Rosser in section SW 30-12-1E on Ridge Road, 0078E Rd 70 N.

Summer hours (June 1 – Nov. 1)

Monday – 3pm-7pm

Thursday – 1pm-5pm

Friday & Saturday – 9am-5pm

Closed on Statutory Holidays.

Grosse Isle Walking Path offers 'tranquil refuge'

Phase 1 of the Grosse Isle Walking Path has now been open for almost a year and it's quickly becoming a community favourite.

The half kilometre-long runs from the end of Parkland Road and through a treed area on the Grosse Isle School property, ending just off the school's loop.

For Cory King, it's a great addition to the community.

"As a newer resident to the Grosse Isle community, I immediately supported the idea of creating more integrated walking paths. The selected route, though brief, offers a tranquil refuge that my two children and I frequent on a daily basis," King said.

"This path has become more than just a connector or route; it's a cherished part of our routine, strengthening not only the physical layout of our community but also its social fabric."

Plans for a walking path began taking shape in 2021 and initially included an ambitious 9km trail that would wind its way throughout Grosse Isle. The vision was to create healthy recreational opportunities for all ages and a safe and attractive environment for walkers, joggers, pet owners, couples, seniors and families with young children.

It was of course, during the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the trail would allow people to get outside and still be able to adhere to Provincial Public Health Orders that included social distancing.

Knowing that the full length of the trail would be costly, the RM chose to approach its construction in phases and in February 2021 applied for a Provincial Building Sustainable Communities grant in the amount of \$75,000. The grant was approved in June of that year.

Besides cost, other factors that determined taking a phased approach included the fact that a portion of the land where the trail was to be constructed is owned by the Province. The RM is expecting the land will be turned over to it, but expediting the process was not possible.

After receiving approval from the Interlake School Division to construct the path on its property, construction on the half-kilometre walking path was completed in the fall of 2022.

Future plans still call for Phase 2 of the path to run adjacent to Railway Road between PR 321 and 322, pending land transfer from the Province.



Cory King and his two children are frequent walkers on the Grosse Isle walking path.



Little things go a long way

Greetings to everyone and I hope you are all having a great summer.

The weather has been very good, but the farmers could use a little more rain, let's hope they get it.

I'd like to take this time to talk about the importance of contributing in your community. We have so many people who spend time in the municipality to keep our community beautiful and we really appreciate them.

We have folks who volunteer for various committees and teams. There's no financial gain for doing so, but the reward is in making the RM of Rosser a great place to live.

We also have people

who do little things that go a long way, and maybe don't get recognized as often.

These are the people who keep their yards neat and tidy and many even cut the ditches in front of their place and even beyond.

You'll see others who pick up garbage when they see it discarded along a roadway or on the school grounds.

There's no requirement to do this, but their efforts make the community look better, and their pride in the appearance of their own yard shines a positive light as well.

Your Reeve and members of Council appreciate your efforts and acknowledge that what you do makes

the community as a whole better.

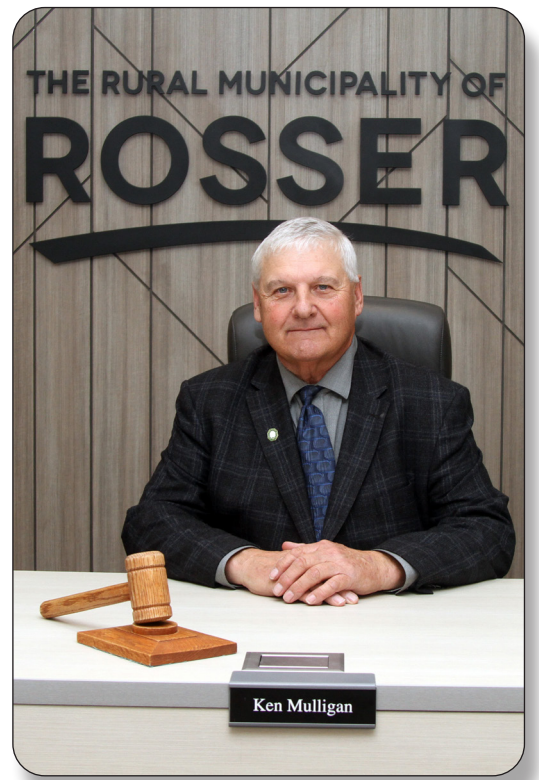
We've all chosen to live in the RM of Rosser, and if we work together on the little things, it will go a long way.

We appreciate the tremendous spirit of volunteers. It is one of the things that continues to make Rosser a strong and vibrant community.

I encourage all residents to reach out to their local community centre or service organization and offer to get involved as a volunteer.

Thanks everyone, and enjoy the summer.

- Reeve Ken Mulligan



Meet the RM's new Bylaw Officer

Davinder Brar has been hired by the RM of Rosser as its Bylaw Officer.

Brar has an extensive background in law enforcement including more than a decade with Manitoba Justice and Child & Family Services. He will be splitting his time between duties with the RM of Rosser and the South Interlake Planning District (SIPD). Brar will be based out of the SIPD offices in CentrePort and will work throughout Rosser responding to residents' concerns.

You can expect to see Brar patrolling in the community on a regular basis. Should you need to contact our new Bylaw Officer please contact the municipality or SIPD office at 204-467-5587

Trivia time

What year did the last class graduate from the East Rosser School? And just for fun, if you know someone who graduated that year, send us their name. For more fun, if you have a story about the school or a photo, send it to us, we may run it in a future edition of The Uniter.



Answer: 1962

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Did you know?

Enroll in Rosser Connect! You will receive emails, texts or phone calls from the RM of Rosser with important information like road closures, upcoming meeting dates and more.

Rosser Connect will send information on emergency situations should they arise and will even inform residents about things like train movements that may impact them.

Signing up is free and will keep you informed about everything important in the RM of Rosser.

Sign up for Rosser Connect now at www.rmofrosser.com

We want to hear from you! We will run a history story in upcoming issues of The Uniter; if you have an idea, let us know!

Grosse Isle Heritage Site new build moving along

Donna Ridgeway is President of the Grosse Isle Heritage Site Board of Directors, and laughs when she says she's learned a lot about overseeing the building of the new canteen/washroom at the popular tourist stop.

But after wading their way through variances and property line issues and the stoppage caused by the global pandemic, it's expected the building will be complete and open this summer.

Grants from the RM of Rosser from 2020-2023 total \$33,000, including \$12,000 in 2020, and \$6,000 for three years from 2021-23, which the Board could use as they saw fit, and they chose to put it toward the new build.

That combined with \$55,000 from the Province's Building Sustainable Communities Fund, along with other grants, have gone a long way. They've also been approved for money in Phase 2 of the Sustainable Communities Fund granting process.

Community members have been an incredible help as well.

"There's been a challenge amongst community members to donate and they've really stepped up," Ridgeway says.

"We've got over \$8,000 in private donations."

Many local tradespeople have donated all or part of their time to help move the project along, and it's greatly appreciated.

Ridgeway says the board as well has a canteen open during Prairie Dog events with profits going to the project, and rented the site for a TV production and held a cash raffle.

The building project was started by board members Jim Harris and Archie Delorme. Harris sadly passed away in 2021.

Ridgeway says Harris, an incredible community member, is sadly missed in so many ways. In her 2022 annual report to the board, Ridgeway wrote:

"The start off 2022 saw us regrouping, trying to fill the void left by the passing of Jim Harris.

"A decision was made that we would develop the childrens' play area in his memory and name it 'Grandpa Jim's Playground'."

That playground is being developed now, and a miniature train for kids to ride is part of the plan.

Meanwhile, work on the canteen/washroom continues and the new building will be a welcomed and needed addition.

There have been many visitors who have come to the site since the end of the



Ridgeway inside the canteen/washroom in June of this year. She's hopeful it will be completed and open this August. Below, the exterior of the new building, at right end, and Ridgeway at a popular attraction at the Grosse Isle Heritage Site, The Ridgeway Heritage House.



pandemic.

In 2022, more than 12,000 rode the Prairie Dog to the Heritage Site, and they hosted several smaller charter groups as well.

Further good news includes the fact the Heritage Site was granted charitable status in November 2022, meaning they can issue tax receipts to donors and making it easier for them to apply for grants from non-profits like the Interlake Community Foundation.

