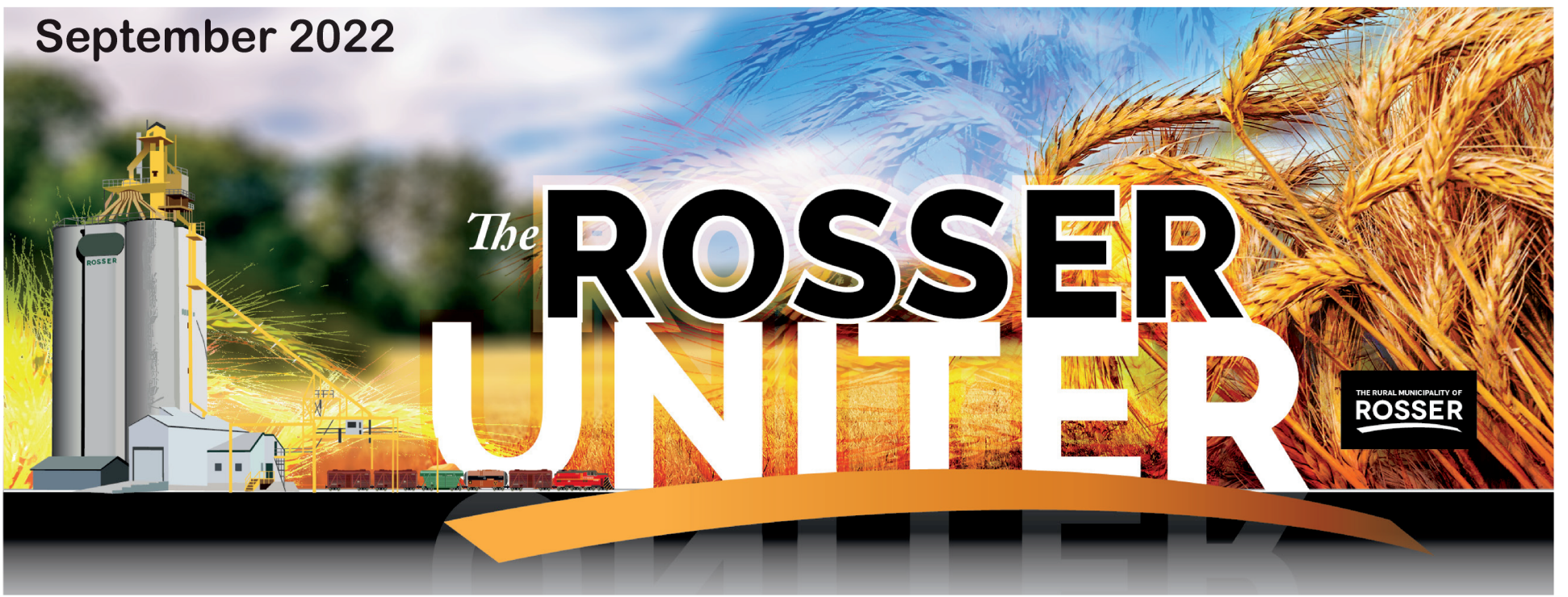


September 2022



Welcome to Rosser Community Friendship Park

The RM of Rosser has plenty of open spaces for everyone to get outdoors, be active and enjoy nature.

But did you know the RM has a new space dedicated to gathering outside and being active?

The Rosser Community Friendship Park was officially named this spring thanks to input from students at Rosser Elementary School.

Located by the Transfer Station at the corner of Road 70N and Meridian Road, the Park features three benches and three picnic tables as well as 5.2 kms of walking/hiking trails.

The municipality received a grant of \$18,072 for the development of the trails through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund.

The RM Municipal Office held a trail naming contest and students from Rosser Elementary had the opportunity to submit two name entries. The winner was Kindergarten student Devon Hueging, whose names were Hawk Trail and Deer Trail.

Signage for the trails will be up later this year.

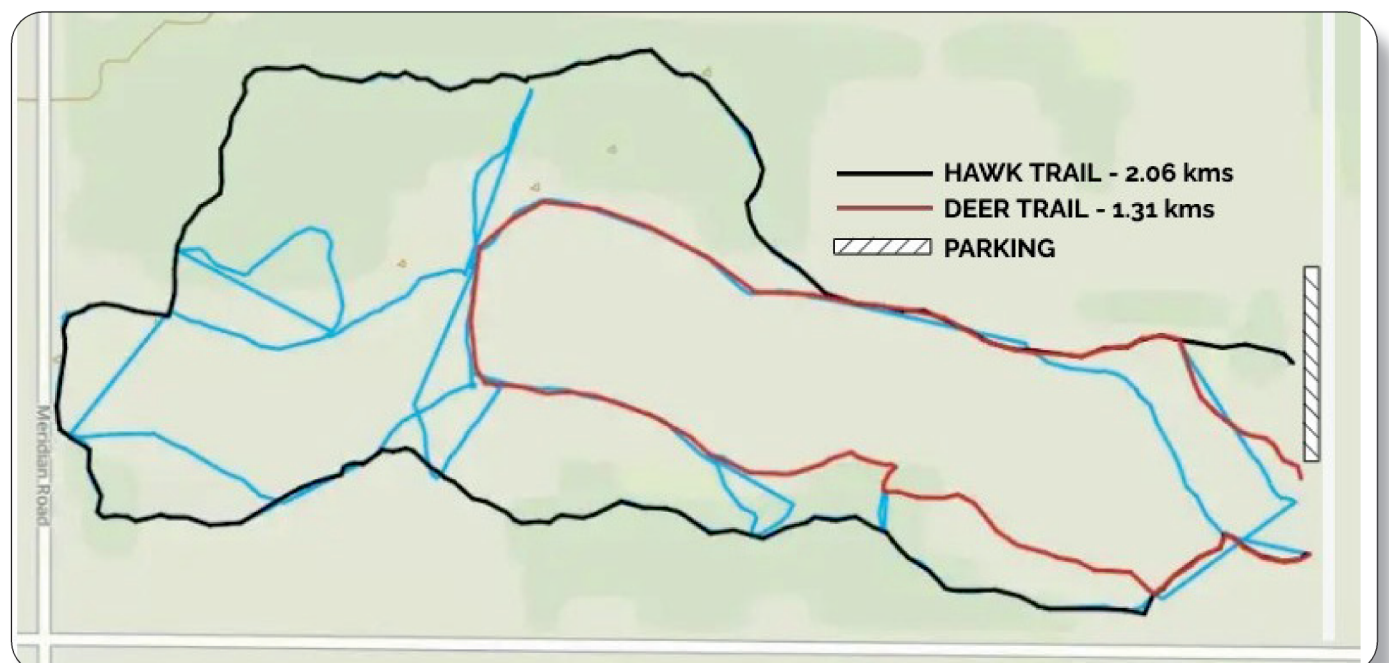
As a thank you for sharing their ideas with the RM, all students at the school were treated to yogurt parfaits.

The park name also incorporates the students' ideas; an overwhelming number of suggestions included the word 'friendship'.

A big thank you to all the students for their enthusiasm and their entries. And congratulations to Devon for her trail names.



Clockwise from above, Coun. Lee Garfinckel presents the winner of the trails naming contest, Devon Hueging, with gift cards; a picnic table; a trail at the Rosser Community Friendship Park; an overhead view of the park with the trails indicated; and a perfect bench to stop and enjoy nature.



Rosser receives \$25,000 for improved rail safety

The RM of Rosser has received a \$25,000 grant from the Federal Rail Safety Improvement Fund.

Reeve Frances Smee along with CAO Larry Wandowich attended the announcement, on July 13 at the CN Intermodal Terminal on Plessis Road, by the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra.

The RM will close the Klimpke Road rail crossing for safety reasons. The area, on the southern edge of the Inksbrook Development, is congested and has the potential to have even more traffic in the future.

The RM will open Selkirk Avenue at Sturgeon Road to

allow farmers to access their fields. The access will be gated, and only the affected farmers and Manitoba Hydro will have access to Selkirk Avenue.

The RM will use the grant money to improve Selkirk Avenue, which has been closed for several years. Access on the east end of Selkirk Avenue will be available only to emergency vehicles.

In total, Minister Alghabra announced the Government of Canada is providing over \$700,000 to fund 10 projects in Manitoba under the Rail Safety Improvement Program.



Reeve Frances Smee, fourth from left, and CAO Larry Wandowich, third from left, at the federal funding announcement in July. Minister Omar Alghabra, is sixth from left.

Rosser Cemetery set to re-open

Rosser council is in the process of re-opening the Rosser Municipal Cemetery.

The community-based cemetery committee has been working hard to prepare the cemetery to come back into use.

This includes having new cremation interment plots surveyed

and updating the mapping using ground-penetrating radar.

The cemetery is in a lovely location with beautiful views of sunflowers, wheatfields and crocuses.

The RM hopes to be offering plots for sale in the near future. Stay tuned to the Uniter for more cemetery updates.



Recognition for most improved roads

The RM of Rosser won the Brandt Tractor Shield award for Most Improved Roads in District 1 at this spring's Manitoba Good Roads Association banquet.

Typically an annual banquet, this year's represented 2020 and 2021 due to the cancellation of the 2020 event because of COVID-19.

All municipalities' scores from both years were averaged and Rosser's score was the most improved.

There are 12 rural municipalities in District 1 including Rosser, Woodlands, West St. Paul, St. Clements and Rockwood, to name a few.

The Manitoba Good Roads Association was formed in 1909 to promote the development of roads in Manitoba.

True to the founders' aim of promoting better roads in Manitoba, the organization presents awards to recognize achievement in road construction and maintenance, as well as awards for community and individual home grounds beautification.

MGRA also provides an educational program for public works employees, supervisors, councillors and Reeves.



Rosser Public Works crew, left to right, Ed Appleyard, Riley Wirgau, Marcus Bruce, Darryl Armstrong, Les Craig and Ken McMahon. Missing are Jeff Harris, Shawn Stewart (Utilities) Scott Broadfoot (Transfer Station) and Randy Slatcher, as well as summer students Nya Bond and Karson King.

Additional funding for roads approved

This spring, Rosser Council approved an additional \$200,000 of funding for road repairs and extra gravel to address the damage caused by the extreme weather experienced here in Manitoba.

The municipality has submitted a Disaster Financial Assistance claim to the Province requesting assistance to help cover these unforeseen expenses.



Memories of Park Royale shared by owners' grandson

Thanks to Bruce Roche who sent in these photos after reading the first edition of the Rosser Uniter.

The Trivia Time question in that edition asked who the swimming instructor was at Park Royale, and the answer was Mrs. Lane.

Bruce's family - grandparents Roy and Gladys Roche - owned the beach at the time and these photos show the bustling beach in 1969 and the early 1970s.

The Players Golf Course now occupies the spot where the beach was, and according to Bruce, the large pond next to the restaurant is where the beach was back in the day.

Thanks again to Bruce for sharing the memories!



The photos above and at left show people enjoying a day at the Park Royale Beach in what is believed to be the early 1970s. The bottom photo shows the beach in September 1969.



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PHOTO CONTEST Show off your Rosser! Send us your photos of life in Rosser and we'll run some of them in the newsletter and put them on our website. You can send your photos to the addresses at the bottom of this column.

You can receive emails, texts or phone calls from the RM of Rosser with important information like road closures, upcoming meeting dates and more. Sign up now at www.rmofrosser.com

We are looking for history stories. We will run a history story in upcoming issues of The Uniter; if you have an idea, let us know!

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Trivia Time

HOW MANY WOOD GRAIN ELEVATORS DID ROSSER HAVE?

FIVE COMMERCIAL (MEADOWS, ROSSER (2), GORDON & BERGEN)
TWO PRIVATE (DO YOU KNOW WHERE?)

ANSWER

Reeve's Message

Wednesday, Oct. 26th is Voting Day 2022

It's that time again when Municipal elections are just around the corner. October 26th will see voters from across the province heading to the polls to choose the people who will represent their community and work for its betterment for the coming 4 years.

I encourage everyone to take some time to learn about the opportunities and issues that are in play for the RM of Rosser and, also, learn about the people who have chosen to run for municipal office. Once voted into office, your council will be making important decisions that will affect Rosser residents; from taxation to planning and everything in between. Just as a community requires informed councilors to make good decisions, the community should also be well-informed before going to the polls.

If you're considering putting your name forward as a candidate—that's great. Now is the time to learn about the



Reeve Frances Smee

role you will fill as an elected member of council, along with the time commitments and responsibilities. These are often not what people expect, so reaching out to current council members or the Rosser CAO may give you a better idea of position for which you will be running.

Times have really changed for Rosser over the years and this is reflected in the many council responsibilities that make Rosser Council unique among rural municipalities in Manitoba.

Once elected to council you will likely find yourself facing a steep learning curve with many challenges, but returning council members and the wonderful Rosser staff will be there to support and encourage you on what might be one of the most rewarding ventures of your life. Different viewpoints, varied life experience and broad-ranging opinions make for the best council decisions.

So, I encourage everyone to mark **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26th** on the calendar, make sure you are registered to vote and, when the day comes, **VOTE** for whoever you think will best contribute to taking Rosser forward into a better and more prosperous future.

Grosse Isle Heritage Site Update



After 2 years of non-activity due to Covid-19, the Heritage Site has been a very busy place this summer.

Between May 8 and August 1, there were 20 scheduled trips by the Prairie Dog Central as well as 5 private charters. Of the 20 trains, all but 1 was sold out (280 + passengers) completely, meaning over 5000 visitors to our site already this year.

Steady progress is being made on our major project

- a permanent washroom/canteen building. Everyone, volunteers and visitors will appreciate the comfort and convenience that it will provide when fully operational.

The plans for the development of a natural playground are evolving. We hope to begin work on this later this summer. The playground is being dedicated to the memory of Jim Harris, who was our organization's first president, and most active and involved volunteer.

We continue to make improvements to the appearance at our site. We now have 4 memory trees and 32 memory flowerpots and gardens being maintained by community members. In addition, 6 trees were planted this summer, which will provide improved shade areas in the future.

-Submitted by Donna Ridgeway, Grosse Isle Heritage Site President

CentrePort At-A-Glance

About 12,000 of the 20,000 acres of land that are CentrePort are located in Rosser.

As of 2021, approximately 1,150 acres have been fully developed within the Rosser CentrePort lands. A further 600 acres of land will be ready for development when the CentrePort Rail Park breaks ground next month.

CentrePort is currently one of the leading economic drivers in Manitoba.

60% of the economic growth enjoyed in Rosser is due to increased assessment in CentrePort.

In 2006, Rosser's assessment stood at approx. \$230 Million. Today our assessment has passed the \$1 Billion mark.

The general at large mill rate in 2010 was 10.08. A rural area home valued at \$300,000 would have paid \$1,361 in municipal taxes.

The general at large mill rate in 2022 is 5.83. The same rural home worth \$300,000 would pay \$787 in municipal taxes.

If the market value of your home has not changed since 2010 your municipal taxes will have decreased by 42%!

